

the side. Did you say this would be coming out of the money collected on the tires and the businesses, or would it be coming out of General Funds, the General Fund appropriation?

SENATOR HEFNER: Well, it would be coming out of that fund. Now I thought all the monies went into that particular fund.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: We've set up two separate funds at this time, the money collected for...off the tires and the businesses for the efforts as 163 originally stated, and then the General Fund appropriation would be for the state planning effort. So I would need a clarification on that before I could support this because we are...there will be further amendments coming that lowers the amount of the General Fund appropriation from 1.5 down to 500 per year for two years, and that amount is not excessive by any means. I did a lot of checking on the cost of state plans around the country and found that the amount that we requested originally, the 1.5 million, was not an excessive amount, but I was willing to back off and go with the 500 that will be offered later, for 500 per year for two years to address the state plan, and I still want to emphasize, folks, that I think until we identify all of our waste, identify our waste stream and the proper methods to handling that waste stream, that some of these other amendments may be premature. I think if the money is coming out of the General Funds, I definitely would oppose it because the amount we have allocated or that will be amended later is definitely not excessive to do this planning effort, a comprehensive plan, as I have said over and over, to handle solid waste, hazardous waste, medical waste, sewer sludges, construction debris, and on, and on, and on, and the amount that is generated in each part of the state then it will...the amount that is generated, then we will see if these waste to energy generators are feasible and if they can be put on line, and also to inspect our air quality control regulations as they presently are, and whether we need to update them. So I think it may be a little premature to start doing some of these efforts until we have the state plan done that identifies the problem as it is in this state, and in each region of this state, and it gives us direction to move on those problems. I would oppose the amendment at this time.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Rod Johnson.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. President, Senator Wehrbein, I think, asked a good question about the tire recycling or waste to