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CLERK: 987, Mr. President, clered by Senator Schmit. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 4 of this year, referred to Natural Resources. The bill was advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The Chair recognizes Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, this bill establishes the State Government Recycling Management Act. It is designed to deal with state government refuse and the most energy and resource secting manner. It is going to transfer from the Department of Administrative Services to the State Energy Office that responsibility and the purpose of the proposal is to encourage the recycling of government materials which...such as paper, paperboard, aluminum, metals, et cetera, little glass and so forth that does accumulate within the area of state government. It is a low budget item of about \$36,000 A bill I believe, and any money that is earned from the collection and sale of this, of these resources are to be credited to the General Fund. Any other questions, I'd be glad to try to answer them.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Discussion? Senator Morrissey, followed by Senator Johnson.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker, members, Senator Schmit, I support the bill. I do read there in the fiscal note, it says the State Energy Office estimates .11 FTE of their own personnel would be required to implement and oversee this act. Now the existing state coordinator will identify how it should be done and in the State Energy Office employees will administer and implement the act.

SENATOR SCHMIT: That is right, Senator Morrissey. I would assume that at the present time there is some energy being used to operate it under the Department of Administrative Services. I don't suppose there is a net energy loss or gain in the standpoint of it individual administration by the transfer, but it does provide for a little over a tenth of a person to administer that proposal in the State Energy Office.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Okay, thank you. And then my problem was that to administer I could see the .11 and...but to identify the program it would take to identify and collect the paper, paperboard, aluminum and other metals, yard waste, glass, tires