

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Oh, okay. We have 2 million from tires, three-quarters of a million from the business tax originally, and the newsprint would generate \$46,000. That is the way the bill originally was written. Obviously, the newsprint was struck by the Natural Resources Committee. Senator Spence Morrissey has offered an amendment that would also put \$1.5 million in General Fund money in the bill, and that is still in the bill to date.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Thank you, Senator Rod Johnson. I don't suppose that we have the support for it, and I know that the General Fund continues to dwindle, but I would be much more supportive of the bill if it provided a million and half dollars of General Fund money, whatever you need, whatever you want to start with. But you assign responsibility, you outline who is going to be responsible, and give them some definite obligations, and responsibilities, and then let it proceed, rather than to tax one thing or another. It depends upon whether you have the political clout on this floor to...

PRESIDENT: Time.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...impose a tax, and then once you get the thing in place, the governmental impetus toward finding people to use up the money will take care of any money you have. I think it is a very wasteful way to approach the problem and it will not solve the problem.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Crosby, followed by Senator Morrissey.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Mr. President, and members. There is one thing that really irritates me on the floor of this Legislature, and it was said again a little while ago. Don't listen to those people on the other side of the glass. Well, Senator Hefner, I notice you were listening pretty well to the anti...people who were against the gun bill a week or so ago. You were paying attention to what they were telling you, and you brought it in and said it on the floor of the Legislature. I was paying very close attention. I have not necessarily listened to the people on the other side of the glass on this particular issue. We do have a problem in the State of