

members of the body, and Senator Schmit, particularly, to be willing, as chairman of the committee, to support that. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Schmit, please, followed by Senator Lamb. Senator Schmit, you are up, please.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well, Mr. President, and members, I just spoke with Senator Johnson. He says they have an amendment coming which will take out the farms, and I approve of that. I also have an amendment which will take out the retail businesses. That would also help. If we would get back, as I said earlier, to just the General Fund, and I apologize to Senator Smith, I am sure she said some very fine things. I was visiting with someone else at the time, Senator Smith, so you will have to give me your speech again. But my concern is this, as I have said earlier, if you are going to go on a piecemeal tax to finance solid waste in this state, then you ought to do it based upon the amount that is contributed to the problem by the type of waste. If it is a tire, and you are going to put a buck on a tire that costs you \$70, or \$75, or 50 bucks, then you ought to put a tax on the automobile, and if you are going to put a tax of a dollar on a \$75 tire, then you ought to put a tax of \$5 on a \$400 refrigerator. Now you try that, you try that, young men and women around here, you are going to have a march on the Capitol because people are going to say we can't afford it. We are tired of that. What are you guys doing with the money? So we just single out the tire situation, and the tire is an obnoxious situation. And there is a gentleman in this room, I think, he was here this morning, at least, Mr. Haas, who knows more about tire troubles than anyone in the state, and I admire him because he is willing to and encourages the tax on the tire to help solve the problem. But there are some redeeming qualities to an old tire. The thing can be recycled. It can be used in the combustion process. It could probably be used to fuel the power plants for... I am afraid my friends in the power industry won't like that, but it can be used in the manufacture of cement very productively, I have been told, but we just totally ignore the paper products. We totally ignore them. Why? No one wants to pick up the World-Herald tomorrow morning and find that we are talking about a tax on newspaper, and say, my gosh, they are going to hamper the free press by putting a \$46,000 tax on newspapers, on newsprint. If you put it on there based upon the amount of contribution it makes to the waste problem, it would be a lot more than \$46,000. I don't want to