

grind them up and store them, but then what? And that is an expensive process. So this amendment will do this. It would take 25 percent of the tire assessment, and that would not exceed \$200,000 in any one calendar year, it would be deposited in a fund, looking on page 777, that is the amendment, 2490, it would then help to develop the research and development of programs and projects which promote the recycling and reduction of scrap tires and the development of other alternative uses for those tires, including the utilization of scrap tires in waste-to-energy. But there are many different things that may be done, but we need that last final push. This amendment then would, as I said, in 1994, it sunsets. So whatever is collected which may be upwards of under \$2 million would then be used for the research, and I think that we could do something that would be effective, it would take care of the tire problem, we don't have to think about tire burns in Nebraska, and the ultimate polluting of the water. I don't like perhaps the way that we have to go about it with fees, but I don't know that we can generate the money from the General Fund, and something needs to be done. I mean I don't want your friends, you, your children, and grandchildren to come down with encephalitis because you live within the range of the tiger mosquito that could be breeding in those tires, and I believe that this could be a profitable, ultimately a profitable thing. I think we have to be fair and take some of the tire money that has been assessed or that would be assessed, set that aside for the various kinds of research that need to be done, so that we can finally and ultimately see a solution to this problem. And like the research that is being done at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, perhaps, just perhaps something will come out of this that could benefit the State of Nebraska, as well as private individuals who would...and local subdivisions that would be applying for these grants to help them. It is just to help our problems here in Nebraska and, so, thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Schmit, please, followed by Senator Rod Johnson, Senator Moore, and Senator Weihing.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well, Mr. President, and members, I am not anti-university, but I wondered when the university would decide that there couldn't be a bill moving across this floor that would raise a million or \$3 million without their getting a little piece of the action. So now we are going to do research and, of course, that is a very laudable goal. I have no objections, Senator Beck, to research, but it ought to be tagged