

the problem by having some fine person from the University of Nebraska do a \$200,000 research project. I don't know what the answer is. I know that if you really want to pass a bill, you go back, as I said earlier, you put some General Fund money in it, let the Appropriations Committee outline how it is supposed to be spent. If they want to spend some on research, fine, but how do we know that it takes 200,000 any more than we know that it takes a million or two million or five million. We don't even know what the bill will raise. I will make a little wager that after the first year's implementation that you won't come within 25 percent of what the proposed cost is going to be because government is innovative. Government is very, very innovative when it comes to trying to figure out a way to raise money.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: And there will be businesses here that will figure out...that will find themselves covered by this that don't intend to be covered. Only a few days ago, I got eight letters from a fine person a governmental agency, eight separate envelopes, extolling the virtues of eight separate bills, and I assume that that person sent letters to 49 senators, and so the next thing that will be included in somebody's report is that they have made X number of hundreds of contacts with the State Legislature and, therefore, they need an increase in their funding. All they did was increase the solid waste in the wastepaper end of it for the State of Nebraska. Ladies and gentlemen, I oppose the amendment, and I oppose vigorously the idea that you have to send another 200 grand to the university to get them to do something, which if it makes any sense, they ought to have in their budget in the first place.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Rod Johnson, followed by Senator Moore.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. President, and members, we have had this discussion in some of the private meetings that we had over the tax on tires, and if we are taxing tires, then shouldn't we put some money in research on tires. I think Senator Schmit is right. I think we tend to agree in this area that a lot of the research has already been done. We know how to burn tires. We know how to recycle tires. We know how to chip or break up tires, but in a spirit of cooperation with some of the folks who