

are interested in this issue, I have consented at least to allow Senator Beck to run her amendment and see where it goes. I don't have any strong feelings about the amendment one way or the other, but there were some, at least, in the meetings that said if we are generating the dollars out of tires, then we should get back or put back into this issue some research for disposing of tires in a better way than what we are doing right now. So, as I said, no strong opinions on this particular amendment.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Moore, next, followed by Senator Weihing, please.

SENATOR MOORE: Yes, Mr. President, and members, you know Senator Schmit and I almost always agree when it comes time to beat the university over the head, and I have decided though I think he has kind of brought an issue into the debate on the Beck amendment that probably shouldn't be there. This is not a \$200,000 appropriation to the university. I am not saying they could not get some of the money, but it is not a \$200,000 flat appropriation to the university that Senator Schmit makes it out to be. What the amendment is, you know, it is an amendment, if you want to look on Journal page 777, it simply says that we are taxing tires, solely taxing tires, under this bill to date. We have pulled some General Fund money in, as Senator Schmit encouraged, but we are taxing tires. Now if you are going to put a tax on tires to solve the problem, shouldn't you at least make sure that a portion of those funds that you have got the tax on go to solve the problem that the tax comes from? Simply, you are taxing tires, you should try and solve the tire problem, it is as simple as that, and it seems almost too simple to me but that is exactly what this amendment does. It simply says that 25 percent, up to \$200,000 in one calendar year, is it a flat appropriation to the university? Absolutely not. It can be the university, it can go through the grant process. They may possibly get some of the money, but, you know, worse than the university, we could give the money to Spencer Morrissey to do this, if he had a plan to do it, simple as that. That may be better than the university in some people's mind but it is not a direct appropriation to the university. I will often agree with Senator Schmit's point of view that we shouldn't...if it is a high priority out there, they should do it, but that is not the issue on Senator Beck's amendment. I simply ask the body to not be confused by Senator Schmit's very articulate comments on the university. At a later time, he and I may agree but Senator