

Beck's amendment is not the time to make that argument. Senator Beck's amendment simply says that if you tax tires, part of the money from tires go to solve the tire problem. Simple as that, I encourage its adoption.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. May I introduce a guest, please, of Senator Crosby. In the south balcony, we have 52 eighth grade students from Cathedral of the Risen Christ in Lincoln and their teacher. Would you folks please stand and be recognized by the Legislature. Thank you for visiting us today. Senator Weihing, please, followed by Senator Beck.

SENATOR WEIHING: Mr. President, and members of the Legislature, first, Senator Beck, would you rise to a question, please?

PRESIDENT: Senator Beck, please.

SENATOR BECK: Yes, sir.

SENATOR WEIHING: Your amendment is relatively brief. It simply states that a certain amount, this 200,000, would be allocated for research. How is that to be administered? Where is it administered?

SENATOR BECK: Okay, first of all, the way the fund is administered. Remember, there is the original fund and, then, this then takes a portion of that money that is collected from the fund, sets it aside until 1994, not only for research and not to one entity but to any entity that applies according to the way everything is worked out through the original fund where the rest of the money is. Because this is to be used for research and development of programs and projects that will solve the pollution, the tire pollution problem that we have. So there will be people who will, under the original funding, the original project, Section 3 of the bill, will be the people who will ultimately grant these projects or grants to subdivisions, so on and so forth, and it will take care of the tire problem, but that is what it is meant to do. There is in Section 3 of the bill, which is a long time before this amendment, sets up the fund, and then this portion of the fund will be allocated by those people.

SENATOR WEIHING: Thank you. I feel much like Senator Schmit. If we are going to be having this, this should be effective in the research. Having it set up as we have here, I really don't