

feel secure as to who makes these decisions. You say anyone can make application, and in that way an idea comes, and that is what bothers me. Who is the...where is the panel of experts that is going to check that out and allocate the monies that would be going to research and knowing that there is either a research individual or a research laboratory that is really competent to do the research in this?

SENATOR BECK: Senator, may I interrupt, or are you continuing to ask a question, sir? I do have an answer, if you want to turn to page 5, page 5 of the bill, if you want to look in your bill book, and go to page 5 on LB 163.

SENATOR WEIHING: I have it here.

SENATOR BECK: Okay, all right, then look in Section 3, "Allocations from the Waste Reduction and Recycling Incentive Fund may be made as grants to a political subdivision or private entity when it is determined that the reduction or recycling program or project," which would cover my tire allocations, "proposed by the political subdivision or private entity appears to benefit the general public, to further the goals of waste reduction and recycling, and to be consistent with proper waste management practices. A political subdivision or private entity may file an application with the Department of Environmental Control for a grant from that fund. Each application shall be filed in a manner and form prescribed by the department." So any control will not be lost. There is not going to be vague individuals out there. There are rules and regs that will be set for the department to do this. "An application for a grant from the fund..."

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR BECK: ...shall: (1) Describe the nature and purpose of the proposed program or project; (2) set forth or be accompanied by a plan for development of the proposed program or project,..."

SENATOR WEIHING: I have had about one minute of my own time. I think I should have a little bit of mine. I do support research very much and I can read the program here. I think I am all out of time, am I not, sir, by now.

PRESIDENT: No, you have a half a minute.