

SENATOR WEIHING: Oh, I have a half a minute. At this moment, I just want to state that I do support research but I am rather concerned at this particular moment as to how this is going to get into people's hands, those who can really do the research, because research can be of a significant benefit. I have my light on, again, Mr. Speaker.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Beck, please, followed by Senator Hartnett, and Senator Nelson. Senator Beck.

SENATOR BECK: If Senator Weihing, I guess if you have your light on, that is fine. If you want some more time, you can have it. If not, then I will just go ahead and mention that, again, this is not going to one entity. There will be a process and a procedure touched on and controlled by the DEC for these people to apply for grants. It can't be done in 20 minutes, much as we would like for it to be done in 20 minutes. I want to mention one individual from Omaha who is working with the Taiwanese and their tire problem, and that is Mr. Larry Koester. He is doing research and development at this point. I don't know that he even knows anything about this amendment or the bill. He probably is in Taiwan working out with their problem, but that is one example of a person or a company or an entity who could apply to this process, receive research monies that is for Nebraska, and be able then to work with this significant tire problem. And so I would just ask that we would, to get on with this, and realizing that already in the bill it has been set as to who will be able to manage this particular fund. I go back to the principle of fairness. If you are going to pass this bill with a fee on tires, then we had better do something about our significant tire problem. Every year in the State of Nebraska we generate as many tires as there are people in the state, and it is a problem, and I think this is one way to handle it, and I think that it will be done in such a way that there are no charlatans or fly-by-nights dealing with this, because we see other individuals who are in contact with individuals from Kentucky and other places who have ideas and they just need that last little bit to make this problem be dealt with. And, again, it is not \$200,000 to the university, although I guess they would have the right to apply through the particular grants and procedures that we would have and would be developed by the Department of Environmental Control.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Hartnett, please.