

locally and acting this year. I'd urge you to support this very important override. Thank you.

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PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Hefner, please, followed by Senator Wesely.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, I rise to support the Governor's veto. I think you've heard my remarks before, but I think that the \$25 fee and the \$50 fee, to retail businesses only, is unfair. Like I said in my remarks before, small businesses are having a tough time in the rural towns, and I know that 25 or \$50 may not put them under. But why don't we get everybody involved in this? Why just the retail businesses? There is a lot of other businesses and industries that have a lot of waste, why just pick on the retail businesses? I think this is unfair, and I think that we can do better, we can do better than just doing this. Also, the fee only on tires. Why pick on one industry? I don't think that the tire situation, especially in the rural areas, is that bad. Why don't we put it on other trash? Why don't we put it on disposable diapers? Disposable diapers cause a lot more problems in our dumps than tires do, but we don't do anything on diapers. How about plastic bottles? How about cardboard? How about paper? And I could go on and on. Tires are just one of the problems, and a small problem at that. And then we put a fee on the tires, but we don't let any of this money go for research on how to get rid of tires. We had an amendment that I think would put 25 percent for the research of tires, but that was defeated. So is that fair? I don't believe it is. Give us a little more time, we can do better. And so I would urge you to vote red on this issue.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Wesely, followed by Senator Korshoj.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. President. Briefly, as a co-sponsor of the bill, I'd rise also to encourage your vote to override the veto of LB 163. It seems to me that the environment in general and the solid waste issue in particular have been issues ignored by state government for too long. And, finally, the Legislature responded to the concern about the environment and solid waste by passing LB 163, a very major step forward, not all that we'd like to see, but a major step