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stream in Nebraska and how we're disposing of that waste.

SENATOR HEFNER: And who is doing this study? Is the DEC doing it?

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Well, there...actually, we've hired a firm, DEC has hired a firm called SCS Engineering from Kansas City and they are doing the study for DEC basically. And there are members of this committee...or this Legislature, who are on a committee that's overseeing the study.

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay, and how much is the study going to cost us?

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Senator Morrissey might know that. I think it's \$312,000.

SENATOR HEFNER: Three hundred and twelve?

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Three hundred forty-eight thousand.

SENATOR HEFNER: Three hundred and forty-eight thousand.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: We appropriated 500,000 last year for this study and...

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: ...the bid came back lower than the 500,000.

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay, thank you. But I believe that my position is going to be why don't we wait until we get the study done? And I understand that that's supposed to be done by the end of the year?

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Yes.

SENATOR HEFNER: Why don't we wait with some of these bills? And I think that LB 67 is one of these that we should wait with, and then when we get the study completed, have a chance to look it over, then come back next session and maybe try to address some of the problems that we have. Gee whiz, folks, I think we're getting the horse before the cart on this issue so, at this time, I believe I'm going to oppose the committee amendment