

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Well, 15 percent. This bill will take...

SENATOR MOORE: This bill creates that, that's why that existing language...

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Right.

SENATOR MOORE: ...concerns me a little bit now.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Yeah, I...

SENATOR MOORE: Secondly, as you mentioned in 1990, when we passed that, we thought there would be enough money to eventually make it work, in the existing fund...the way it is existing...the way it is now funded. I guess my question is, is this particular provision, this 15 percent, is that forever or can it be...do you think it will be for a short time, or for a long time, or...

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: I can't answer that. I guess I would say for a long time, Senator. The anticipation that the wastepaper would pay for the program has proven not to be true, that we are not generating enough money to cover the expenses of the salary of the coordinator, as well as the activities of the act, and are looking for an alternative source of funds. In fact, through the passage of LB 987, last year, the Recycling Act actually gave them authorization to use the funds for the Resource Recovery Fund, from aluminum, and tires, and signs, and waste oil. They could have used that, if they wanted to. They chose not to do that. They chose to allow those dollars to continue to go back to principally the Department of Roads to, you know, encourage them to continue the recycling program they had already started. So they have authorization to use those funds, and this basically codifies that in law.

SENATOR MOORE: They have authorization to use it. Is there a limit to what they can now use, or actually you're saying that something that's...

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Well, they could use 100 percent of the recycled...

SENATOR MOORE: Yes.