

to the claims bill, then there is an opportunity for about \$60,000 or thereabouts in additional money to be claimed in future years either from this fund or from the General Fund depending upon how the miscellaneous claim is filed. Some of the entities involved have received more than what they would have been entitled to under 761, some have received nothing. I guess it's a matter of voting your conscience on this. DEC I believe did nothing wrong, but it appears to be an awfully awkward process as it worked out with the passage of 761...

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR COORDSEN: ...in the middle of the application stream. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. Senator Morrissey, followed by Senator Hefner. Senator Morrissey.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Madam President and members, again, I want to emphasize there was no properly filed application as proven by the department in their continued quest to get a properly filed application. There was no properly filed application until over a month after the law had changed. Senator Coordsen is right. The other political subs, if we pass this, will have the ability to come back and say we were cheated too and they were. Whether there is money in that fund or not, I don't know, maybe we should start checking into that. Maybe we should send an auditor over there to the Department of Environmental Control and see just exactly how much money is available and where it has gone in these low-level funds. I think that would be a very good idea. But this fund, or Fund 4840, in the Department of Environmental Control's budget consists of federal rebate money from the Department of Energy. Money was divided between the waste disposal compacts. Our compact forwarded that money to Nebraska. The DEC first received money from the fund in fiscal year '87-88. DEC could have used some of the money to hire additional staff to act as community liaison and technical support. They could have done that and avoided this problem. I don't know if they were too busy over there reviewing the compact's books or what they were doing, but I don't think they were spending their time reviewing the compact's books, folks. Rather, the DEC used this fund minimally up until the time that the license review process began and by minimally I mean they used it for travel. They could have used it to hire more personnel to help audit the