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SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Madam Speaker, members. I'd have a question for Senator Robak. I was strictly...I missed it, Senator, the money involved here? How much money is involved?

SENATOR ROBAK: The 200,000 in General Funds for each year, each year, for two years.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: So 400,000.

SENATOR ROBAK: Yes, yeah.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: All right. I think it's a good concept and I hate to oppose my seatmate, but I rise to oppose the amendment. I've got concerns. I've got a couple libraries, more than two in my district that would like to be able to just get their volume, their inventory up to snuff. So I would have a hard time supporting this amendment, even though we do have access to foundation grants. Hopefully they will not be lost, they will be available in the future, as Senator Moore has indicated. I also spent the last couple days hopping around the state on waste issues, mostly in western Nebraska. One of the biggest questions these folks have been asking me about garbage is, is there any money anywhere for garbage? And I have said I really don't know. One little town out somewhere west of North Platte, I believe, said they have water contamination from a bad waste dump, that they absolutely have no idea how they're going to get any money for...absolutely no way to clean it up, no new wells to go to. So they have a big problem. So it's something we have to start thinking about, and some of these little programs like this are nice and are good and a lot of foresight in them. But I think there are other priorities we need to look at right now. I'll be interested to look at how many other little amendments come up, good programs, but something that necessarily shouldn't be a priority right now when we have some other problems. I'd oppose this amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Morrissey. Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Madam President. I would just like to ask Senator Robak a question here, because I had...Senator Robak, did you just say that it's \$400,000, \$200,000 for the next two years? My understanding in talking to the folks out in the Rotunda, just a few minutes ago, was that overall it's 800,000 for four years.