

54 million dollars to fund these efforts. But the problem was we had a hard time, a lot of people want to know where is that money, whose budget is that money included in. But, again, it's the hidden costs that we don't see. It's money that's transferred, that instead of landfilling everything you do the proper environmentally sound method of disposal, and you can transfer that cost to fund the efforts of reduction and recycling. Again, we don't ever consider a lot of the intangibles, like the gas and the wear and tear on our system signs, extending the life of landfills, fewer staff to manage oversight on the landfills, and less subsidies to the system. The savings are in the community and good public decisions that we make, beyond the money, beyond the dollars.

SPEAKER BAACK PRESIDING

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: The question is, can we really recycle and reuse 25 percent of the solid waste? And you look at the figures there, you figure you will lose money recycling paper, because the paper market is so bad. But you can gain back money by recycling aluminum, plastic, and high grade paper that there is a market for. So, hopefully, we would, at the very least, break even on recycling, and possibly lose a small amount of money on recycling. But the bottom line would be you would be saving money because you're not disposing of such...all this waste indiscriminately in the landfill, thus saving disposal costs. And you would be also doing again the more environmentally sound procedure of reduction and recycling, extending the life of your landfill and addressing the intangible costs that nobody really sees in their garbage bills. I'll continue when...

SPEAKER BAACK: Time.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: ...I renew my light. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Morrissey. Senator Ashford, you are next.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. Just very briefly I rise in support of Senator Morrissey's plan and his amendment. First of all, because anybody that will go across the state and talk about anything is worthy of at least a couple