

could ask Senator Morrissey a question.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Morrissey, would you respond?

SENATOR HARTNETT: How do you envision this...I know that you've done a lot of work on this. But how do you envision this fund being used by different landfills, because I think in some places, like in the neighbor to the north of us, they don't even really charge anything for local...to take care of the local problem themselves. And so are we...would we oversubsidize a place like that in doing this whole thing? So how do you envision, maybe...I agree that this is a problem that we're going to have to face in the nineties. But how do we de...how do you see this being used, you know, be it a loan fund, a grant fund, or whatever? How do you see it being used?

SENATOR MORRISSEY: We had a laundry list of uses in the original amendment, and we struck those because we didn't want to make any premature recommendations. But, in my mind, it would be a loan fund. We're trying to establish...we are looking at financial instruments, through the state plan, because there are potential enormous costs associated with the way we have done things in the past, incorrectly, and the way the federal government and our citizens themselves are requesting us to do things in the future. So I envision it as a loan fund, hopefully, a low interest loan fund. And the folks out in the state realize it is their responsibility to handle their waste, that they have the ultimate liability on this waste. But the reality is there is very little money available out there right now. They don't want a gift, but they want some help, and that's how I would envision it. If you want me to elaborate on how it could be spent, I can, but...

SENATOR HARTNETT: Could I ask you another question?

SENATOR MORRISSEY: You may.

SENATOR HARTNETT: We both, you know, we both know from serving on the Natural Resource Committee that both public and private, you see the public's using it and private alone, to both bodies?

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Well, I would imagine with state money like this it would probably have to go strictly to public.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Okay.