

for these types of products? In other words, the recycling center at North Platte or the group in Kearney or throughout the state, one of the problems that we have in the state is that we're doing a tremendously improved job of recycling, i.e. bringing the product to the recycling center. But, at that point, where we're bogging down in the state, at least my understanding is that there are... the markets are very hard at this point. There is no market, for example, for a glass or aluminum and the price is such that it's very difficult to make any profit at all. So, I guess, my question is if we do it to make it easier then they can have nice little assortments and nice piles but there's no market and the price is too low to make any money, is this worth the expense of the 59,000 for us to do that when we, obviously, have some other problems in the recycling system that we need to work out? And, again, if you want to take some of my time or on your closing or something you want to talk about that, I would appreciate it if you would take a minute or so.

SENATOR ELMER: I understand the concern and it's the same as with news print and glass and all these types of things. I have another bill that's in the Natural Resources Committee that would address this. It's called the Beverage Container Deposit Act. That would work because then there would be funds there to get the material picked up. But you still have the same problems. The recycling of plastics is something that's progressive and there are structural materials being made from them. But it so happens that those reprocessing plants are usually very close to the source of large volumes of recycled materials and the transportation costs from here to places like Philadelphia and New York, or Los Angeles, or San Francisco, make it very difficult for our recyclers to make some money. As far as the A bill is concerned, I am not sure why the Department of Environmental Control feels it's going to cost that much and I doubt very much if it would. And, in addition to that, Senator Bernard-Stevens, this particular thing is...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR ELMER: ...a mirror of what's being done in most other states and is already being done. So, as far as enforcement of it is concerned, I doubt if there would be hardly any expense to be done, in all reality.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Robinson, did you wish to address the