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SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Rogers, would you respond, please.

SENATOR ROGERS: The registration fee for the, what is it, like 6,700 products that are registered in the State of Nebraska. Now the way the bill is wrote, Senator Schmit, that will take care of the state's share.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Very well. Then the user will pay the bill, is that right?

SENATOR ROGERS: That's right.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Okay, the user pays the bill. Not a bad idea.

SENATOR ROGERS: The user pays all the bill.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Had there not ought then to be a tax placed upon refrigerators, and automobiles, and every other type of product which is causing us great grief? Had there not ought to be a tax on nuclear fuel to take care of the disposal of that product? Had there not ought to be a tax on every other type of activity which generates a problem for the citizens of Nebraska so that at the time of its disposal you have the money in hand to take care of disposing of it, to take care of the regulation of it, to take care of all the other myriad of problems that develop? Kind of interesting, of course, once again, we say, well, not too bad, the old farmer is going to pay, it's only going to cost \$149,000. Ladies and gentlemen, the numbers I saw were two and a quarter, I believe, the first year. Not a bad price, really. But the facts are these, the program will grow. The user will pay. If it is...if this is a groundwater protection bill, and it is at the present time, had that ought not to be the responsibility of the General Fund. Now, if we go the other route, Senator Rod Johnson, someone else might want to comment on this, and we require the individual who uses the product, which causes the problem, to pay, then had it ought not be expanded to every product? I guess I just want to say that from time to time in this area if you do not learn from experience, you must repeat it again, and again, and again. At this...as of this time this morning was the first time anyone, except members of the committee, saw these committee amendments. I do not think they were printed in the Journal. If they were, I missed them. If they were printed, I apologize. But the