

this, but no one has said what it is going to cost. In his closing, I would hope that Senator Morrissey will give you some idea of how much money it is going to cost someone on an annual basis to dispose of solid waste in Nebraska per year, and for the next 30 or 40 years. We know that the major cities have extreme difficulty in disposing of that waste now, and that it continues to accumulate at a never more alarming rate. All of a sudden we find ourselves in the same dilemma, and I have no qualms, no qualms with having some kind of orderly disposal. It has been more than 15 years ago since I was able to get a bill out of the Ag Committee that regulated the disposal of the empty containers for chemicals. So I understand a little bit about it, but I don't understand yet where the money is coming from, and I don't know what the cities and the counties are going to say, the NRDs, when we dump that responsibility upon them. And so I would like to have some kind of a barn-door figure as to how much money we expect to spend on the disposal of solid waste in years to come because it looks to me like it is one of the most likely industries to grow in the State of Nebraska. It will grow much faster than education, even faster than the cost of health care, even faster than the road program or anything else. It is going to make those programs fade into insignificance because nothing is more terrifying than an open-ended kind of program such as we have here today. We won't be able to blame DEC. We won't be able to blame anyone else. We just have to bite the bullet. So I hope someone will tell me before the bill moves what it is going to cost, whether it is fee funded, property tax funded, sales tax funded, income tax funded...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...or manna from heaven. I don't care. I just want to know what it is going to cost.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Schmit. Does anyone else wish to speak on the bill, itself? Seeing none, do you have closing, Senator Morrissey?

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Quickly, Madam President, and members. The costs, Senator Schmit, I can't estimate what the costs are. The A bill is a million, four for the department for a year, the first year a million, three, I believe, plus that is amended down now, but it will cost approximately a million, four to do the department side of this. The federal government, again, is