

be interested in an article that appeared in the Lincoln Journal, and it says, "Douglas County Borrowed For AK", A-K, that's short for Ak-Sar-Ben. It's an A.P. story, quote, Douglas County is borrowing money from other organizations to pay bills in connection with the impending purchase of Ak-Sar-Ben. On Tuesday the county board transferred \$120,000 from the county landfill operation to the General Fund, in order to have money available for Ak-Sar-Ben expenses. The county is purchasing the track, buildings and surrounding land from the philanthropic organization for \$25 million. The borrowed money will be reimbursed and the accounts squared, once revenue bonds, that are to finance the purpose, are sold, officials said. Where does the money come from, I'd like to ask Senator Morrissey, where does the money come from to operate the landfills in Douglas County? The landfill operation. Does that money come from property taxes?

SENATOR MORRISSEY: My understanding is property taxes, yes, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, if that property tax money is being spent right now to pay Ak-Sar-Ben bills, how can they say that tax money is...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...not going to be used? Is that a use of tax money in connection...

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...with the Ak-Sar-Ben deal?

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Yes, and I guess that article claims it will be given back.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But right now, we know that the money has been taken and transferred to the General Fund and is being used to pay Ak-Sar-Ben bills. We know that that's happening now. Tax money is being spent right now. No bonds have been sold. But the tax money is being spent. And if they transferred 120,000, and that turns out to be insufficient, they will transfer more money from other accounts. That's the kind of shenanigans and shell game that we are dealing with this afternoon. And at least it's going to be in the record, so