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SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Senator Morrissey, would you comment on the germaneness of the Clean Air Act to your bill, to 1257. Do you feel that it's germane, and for what reasons.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Yes. Mr. President, members, in 1257 we have opened up the entire Environmental Protection Act to address different portions of the bill. And along with Chapter 81, Article 15, which I need to pull that and look at it, Senator Wehrbein. But we have opened up the entire Environmental Protection Act with LB 1257, thus I feel that the Clean Air Act is germane.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Wehrbein, do you wish me to make a ruling on germaneness, because I will...I will look at it, and I will do that, if you wish me to do that.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, please.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Wehrbein, I will rule that is clearly germane to the bill.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I accept that.

SPEAKER BAACK: Next speaker is Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Mr. Speaker and members, with that ruling I will rise in support of Senator Beutler's amendment to this act. It's one of those things kind of like Medicaid, it's...comes under the have to list, there certainly is a fiscal impact to the State of Nebraska. If you look at the fiscal note on 1122 you will notice that it is \$350,000 the first year, \$400,000 the next year. After that, though, the emission fees will eventually, or the theory is should eventually pay for themselves. And so it's with...simple fact is it's something the federal government is making us do, and we probably can't run from it. And it will have at least a short term impact on the General Fund. But it's certainly my intention, as I know it is Senator Beutler's and Senator Morrissey's, that the act will fund itself eventually, and those emission fees begin generating adequate revenue. So, at this time, even though there is a sizeable fiscal impact with this bill, I feel compelled to support it.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Moore. Senator Morrissey.