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SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, Senator Janssen, you may have a good idea here, I don't know. We didn't have a public hearing on it. We don't know the answer to your problem when it comes to litter...the litter reduction fee. But we did have a public hearing on Senator Schimek's bill and we thought the fairness of the issue determined that if you have two locations doing more than \$30,000 worth of business, that you should pay the fee twice. It's kind of evening it up between the mom and pop stores and the Wal-Marts and the Walgreens and whatever we have in this state. We have a good fiscal note on it and I think at this time it'd be inappropriate for the Legislature to adopt your amendment. I would say to you that bring the bill to whatever committee, if it be mine we'll have a fair hearing I think, and it may be a good idea and we can proceed. But I think this is the wrong, the wrong procedure to take this morning and, therefore, I will be voting against your amendment.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Janssen, yours is the last light on. I'll recognize you to close on your amendment.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature. When we talk about large businesses, as Senator Beutler or Senator Schrock just alluded to, I don't know how many stores, let's say, Wal-Mart has across the state. Say they have 15. There are convenience stores, small convenience stores, some of them I...my business associates have that are probably have 15 or 20 of them. Wal-Mart store is paying \$25 per location with this bill. My friend, who has the 15 convenience stores is paying \$25 per store. Think about it. Think of the fairness issue there. I don't think that's quite fair. With that, I will...I will withdraw my amendment. We've had a little discussion on it. If that's what it takes, next year I'll be back with a bill in Natural Resources. I'll withdraw my amendment and urge you to vote against the bill. Think of just what I said. Is it fair for a conglomerate like Wal-Mart to pay the same as a small convenience store? Keep that in mind. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: The amendment is withdrawn. We're back to