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our litter problem. It's indiscriminate in that way. It's also not a uniform tax. It's not a tax that addresses those who are the users of it. We are blaming the suppliers here rather than those who have the demand--the people who buy the paper products, the people who throw away the paper products. We're not looking at schools or government, who certainly are big users of the paper products that we recycle through this program. I think that when we look at who is paying this and who is receiving the benefits we see a lot of wonderful projects. But I think Senator Janssen was accurate in addressing the fact that, as a grocer, it was interesting that some other grocery store was singled out with favored status to receive a baler, and that every grocery store in this state would probably like to have that same service. But this fund can't service it for every single business in town and so only the favored few are selected. We see city governments that are receiving benefits from the fund and they are good, but we also know that not every city will receive those and is it the proper function of state government or should those be funded from the city revenues. We look, Senator Smith, I think that perhaps you better not vote for the amendment because your town of Gering got \$62,000 for a yard waste trommel screen and \$69,000 for a truck or containers. But, then again, you might think about whether people are going to look at the fact whether you're looking at pork barrel. So, when you look at it, we can't look at it as to how our town benefited, but does the entire state benefit in an equal and fair manner. Is this a uniform fee on those who create the problem and is there a uniform benefit?

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator. Before we proceed, Senator Smith announces the following guests are visiting the Legislature: George Chikos, Kent Wimmer, and Jack Fulton from Scottsbluff. They're under the south balcony. Welcome. For discussion on the amendment by Senator Baker, Chair recognizes Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I rise neither to oppose or support the sunset provision that Senator Baker has proposed. It's probably irrelevant because, in talking with Senator Schimek, we have kind of mutually agreed that we should have an interim study on the issue and she has suggested that the issue will be revisited probably next year,