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SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you, Honorable President, friends all. I rise in recognition of Senator Baker's amendment, but in opposition to it. (Laugh) I think Senator Baker is putting in a sunset that, as we know and as Senator Hartnett stated, that one Legislature does not bind another and that next year we could come back, we could put a sunset in, we could take a sunset out. We're really not doing anything with this amendment in the first place. I think it sends the wrong message in even putting it in statute in saying that this is not an important enough issue, that litter isn't important enough that we collect a fee that then directly goes back to deal with that litter. I think we have the bill that Senator Schimek proposed to deal with fairness. We had a good hearing on that issue of fairness. Senator Baker thinks that this is fairness and thinks that eliminating the fee altogether is even more fair. I would disagree with that. I think that if we need to look at the issue, and I rightfully think that should be done, then, as Senator Schimek has proposed, we do the interim study, we bring everybody together, we look at the whole picture, not just a piece of it, not just a piece that didn't have an adequate public hearing, and that process of public hearing and public input I am very much in support of and very concerned about. And so, at this point, although, as I said, I think the idea of what Senator Baker is doing and the attention that Senator Janassen has been trying to bring to this issue are important, but we need to do it in a more comprehensive way. Therefore, I support the bill of Senator Schimek's as we get to that, but I do oppose and will vote against the Baker amendment and would encourage everyone else to do likewise. Thank you very much for listening.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN PRESIDING

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SENATOR BAKER: Mr. Chair and members of the body, Senator, I take these comments to the heart. I realize I am not proposing to eliminate this fee. The administrative costs, granted, may be 5.2 percent, some such matter. The actual revenue collection fees, we collected one...just less than \$2 million in Fiscal Year '97. Our collection fees were \$467,000. I think this is