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money on some things that don't turn out like we think they should. We are funding some...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...experiments. Some of those experiments don't work. But, in doing this, we're finding our way and discovering how to do recycling effectively. Folks, we need to do a lot more recycling, according to most experts in the country, in order to make the new landfill program work, if we're going to make things work efficiently. And so we need money in that area. I don't think it's an area where one wants to say, at least on the basis of the evidence we've been presented today, that this is inefficient, this doesn't work, there's something wrong here. I don't think there is anything wrong. That doesn't mean that greater efficiencies can't be wrung out of the system. That doesn't mean we can do better. I have absolutely no opposition to Senator Baker and Senator Janssen...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Time.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...doing an interim study and looking into it. That's a great thing.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Further debate on the amendment? Senator Baker, you're recognized to close on your amendment.

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Members of the body, I want to reiterate the fact that we are not proposing to eliminate these funds. We're doing this simply to try and tie the sunset, the dates of expiration and termination of these fees, together. I will certainly support the bill. We need to have the interim study committee or session set up and we will do that, I'm sure. We will, hopefully, come up with a bill that will address the problem. I'm sure we can come up with something and this will...the process will become more efficient, eliminate some forms and collection fees and so on. And then the bottom line of this thing is I think that we'll probably have more money by doing it efficiently than we have now. We will...we will create some efficiencies in the...the collection fee purposes simply by reducing the number of forms,