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SENATOR STUTHMAN: Thank you, Madam President and members of the body. I would like to engage in a little dialogue with Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, Senator Schrock, would you yield?

SENATOR SCHROCK: That works for me.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Thank you. Can you update me a little bit as far as to, I know you started talking about it, as what has been the practice as far as the air pollutants as far as the plants that have, you know, that are in production from years ago, ten years ago? What type of an application did they have to put in for air emissions?

SENATOR SCHROCK: They had to put an application in, but there was no fee. Now there is an annual fee. I don't have that schedule with me. But the more they have the potential to emit, the higher the annual fee is. And we've gone over that fairly recently. I can get you a copy of that schedule. I don't have it with me. And, of course, you know, the more you emit, the more...the higher the annual fee, and my recollection is that the Ash Grove plant and the major coal-generating plants in the state are the bigger emitters, and then, examples, the ethanol plants are...come down to more of the medium-sized ones. And I would like to say, you know, I don't in any way infer that these people are causing a pollution problem, but the fact of the matter is there is some emission and they have to pay a fee for the regulatory process. And the Department of Environmental Quality depends on General Funds and Cash Funds, and perhaps Senator Wehrbein could answer what the ratio is. I don't know it offhand. But their inspection fees and their application fees do not cover the cost of running the agency, so they're not totally cash funded. They're partially cash funded and partially funded by General Fund money. This is an attempt to get them more cash funded so less General Fund money has to go into the program.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: So it's mainly an application fee? There's no fee charged on an annual basis for the inspection and see...