

which will be \$1 million. You have the chemigation fees for \$28,000. You have the petroleum release remedial fees for \$5 million. This year we have the FIFRA fees which will raise \$590,000, and on top of all this, we have the state lottery, which is going to generate from 4 to 8 million dollars to go into solid waste landfill closure and the Environmental Trust Fund. We are putting a lot of money in*o solving our problems with the environment, and I have no problem with that. I think we need to solve the problems we have with the environment. Senator Robinson had a bill earlier dealing with the tire fee, and it said, you know, if you are going to collect a tax on tires, you ought to try and solve the million and a half problems that we have with tires that go into landfills each year, and this Legislature this year chose to support that bill and to pass that bill. My bill, in 203, says it is not fair to single out one single business entity in the State of Nebraska and tell them that they are contributing more than you or I or any other business to the landfill problem and the waste stream in the State of Nebraska. So my motivation in 203 was to eliminate that fee,...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR HORGAN: ...and to say, to say look at all the fees that we are already collecting. We had better get a handle on what we are doing, and where this money is going, and how it's being spent, and if we are going to implement a fee, it should be a fair fee, a fair tax that everybody pays and that we don't just single out one business entity. Senator Hartnett had a bill on the litter reduction fee, which grocers pay, but other people who sell groceries don't pay, so he wants to create a fund that increases some money going into that litter fee. We replace that, hopefully, with the lost reduction by eliminating the retail fee and, hopefully, next year, well, next year we will reduce the fee on the retail tax to \$25. Hopefully, if Senator Hartnett's attempt to get the litter fee up raises additional money, raises \$600,000 or more to create a fund of a million, four, the retail fee will then sunset and go away.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR HORGAN: I think it is an important piece of legislation. I think it's a fair piece of legislation. I would encourage your support. Thank you.