

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...that we couldn't just drop one of these fees for a year and try the new one, that we would run into trouble expenditurewise, but that's the end of time. Thank you.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body. I'd like to ask Senator Beutler a question if he'd yield.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes, sir.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Senator Beutler, I have been trying to review this and I've been involved in this for some time, and I guess one of the things I'm trying to get into my mind more clearly, you said it was a confusing issue, and I'm, obviously, confused but I'm trying to determine, based on the money that is collected, how are these being distributed? What's the mechanism? I haven't got it all reviewed yet.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, there are two funds. Remember, you have the waste reduction fund.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Right.

SENATOR BEUTLER: That has the three different taxes going into it, the disposal fee, and the retailers' tax we are trying to eliminate, and the tire tax, and that is being used, it is a grant program. It is being used for waste reduction and recycling projects.

SENATOR VRTISKA: I noted all those...

SENATOR BEUTLER: I have a list of them here that I will give to you.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Okay.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Basically, to cities, Beatrice, Omaha, county, Lexington, Albion, all for projects that would otherwise be paid out of property taxes that are being currently required and