

election. So therefore the committee felt that it is important to introduce some kind of legislation that would address the issue in a variety of ways. First of all I would like to call your attention to Section 1, which labels this act as the Nebraska Voluntary Litter Reduction Act. The important part of Section 1 is that such a program shall not be funded or supported by any tax levied or imposed by any governmental agency or any political subdivision beyond those funds already allocated to programs currently authorized and existing within the governmental agencies. Section 5 of the act defines litter. Defines litter as being all material, garbage, trash and other debris other foreign substances, etc., that are dropped, deposited, discarded or otherwise disposed of on public or private property in the state. It does not include the waste or primary processes of farming or manufacturing. Section 12, provides that the individual operator of a motor vehicle or of a water craft shall be the individual who shall be charged at the expense of littering. In the past various individuals, that we have talked to that are concerned with law enforcement have pointed out that it was almost impossible to arrest someone for littering if that individual chose to contest the issue because of the fact that they almost had to see the litter leave the individuals hand to charge him. Under Section 12 we provide that anyone who is in charge of the vehicle is responsible for any material that is dropped or thrown from it. Section 13, increases the penalty for littering to a Class IV misdemeanor. Section 14 provides a \$50 reward for any individual who aids in the conviction of individuals for littering. Section 16, provides for the cooperation of these five agencies: Game and Parks Commission, Department of Roads, Department of Environmental Services, Department of Correctional Services and the Department of Labor. It provides also for the pick up of litter, provision of litter receptacles and for educational and recycling centers. Section 17, 18, 19, 20 merely refer to the individual agencies and their responsibilities. Section 23 provides for litter receptacles to be placed at opportune places but does not mandate that. Section 26, Section 26 is the most interesting portion of the bill. You know we have heard many, many times that there has to be some kind of funding for a litter program. We have tried every kind. We have discussed the issue as to whether or not we wanted to fund the program from the general fund. The Governor, present Governor Thone has indicated he would not be in favor of a program that required contributions from the general fund. We know that when we discussed the bottle bill industry opposed the bill with a considerable amount of emphasis because they felt that the amount of money required