

for the deposits, the cost of picking up and returning bottles, cost of redemption and recycling of the products were excessive and were harmful to industry. There is another proposal that will be discussed here next week, Senator DeCamp's bill which calls for a tax on litter of a \$150, I believe, for one million dollars of sales. At least that is the last proposal I saw. After reading the paper yesterday there may well be another newer version of that litter reduction bill that is still in the grist mill. At the present time, that is my understanding. Section 26 provides for voluntary contributions. Voluntary contributions to the litter fund to be used by the five agencies which I mentioned for the reduction of litter. Now if you go back and study history you will recall that in the past the Game and Parks Division and the Department of Roads spent the bulk of the money in cleaning up our state. I believe that those two agencies will continue to spend the bulk of the money to clean up this state and to keep it clean. This does not mean that there are not other avenues that can not be utilized and the bill provides that the Department of labor through the CETA programs may utilize that labor and some of these funds for that purpose. There are many, many various arguments that you can use in support of or in opposition to this kind of a proposal. The one which has been voiced to me most vociferously is that there will not be a sufficient amount of money available in the voluntary fund to be of any value. I suggest that that is a logical assumption. Now on the other hand if we are to assume that business and industry is going to be very happy to pay a tax which is going to be administered by state government at a cost of about one-fourth of the amount of money collected, then it seems only reasonable to assume that the same individuals who are most interested in the reduction of litter, the reduction of paper work, the reduction of bureaucracy would be happy to make a voluntary contribution to a litter reduction fund. I think that that would be a most worthwhile, a most meritorious, a most laudable goal on the part of this legislature to allow business and industry to live up to their promise that they really want to see a reduction in litter. I know that there have been considerable amounts of money spent in opposition to various litter bills and in support of various litter bills. It seems to me with all of that interest, I know that as a business man myself, it would seem that it might be a more direct method of financing this program than to go the route of a tax which must be administered through the revenue division and I hope that the members of this body would give it serious consideration. I really do not have a burning desire to enact a bill that has to do with litter control if the members