

\$100 fine and the Class IV misdemeanor is a maximum penalty of a \$500 fine.

SENATOR CULLAN: What happens to this program, and I think that it is a very interesting type of program, Section 14 the whole, as I understand it the whole thing operates on voluntary funds and there would be not...not Section 14, excuse me the last section, Section 26, the whole thing operates on voluntary funds, no state funds involved. What happens if there are no voluntary funds?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well actually the same thing is happening at the present time. The Department of Roads and Game and Parks are spending a considerable amount of money about \$330,000 to \$350,000 annually per division to pick up litter. These funds here would supplement that program, hopefully would result in a savings of general fund dollars if the contributions were substantial.

SPEAKER MARVEL: There are two minutes left on the bill.

SENATOR CULLAN: Senator Schmit, I do not want to ask you any questions because I hope that we can vote on the bill before the 15 minutes are up because I would hope that the Legislature would take a position in opposition to this particular piece of legislation. I do commend you for bringing it to the Legislature and for the work that you have done, Senator Schmit, but I think that we have to reject this particular piece of legislation. It appears to me that here we are setting up a voluntary program, something that I think is not going to work at all. Then the next time the bottle bill comes up the industry can go out and say the Legislature passed a litter bill and they will make some heavy contributions to this nice fund between now and the time the bottle bill might be defeated again and then after the bottle bill is defeated again then they will quit being so generous to their litter pick up fund. So, I think that this is really, and I know that it is not Senator Schmit's intention, but I am sure that the bottle industry and those people who spend so much money and very capably defeating the bottle bill are going to use this again to very capably defeat the bottle bill if that should happen to come up. I don't think that we need to give them these type of tools and I don't think that the program is going to be that effective. I think that there are some other problems with it but I hope that we could vote against it before the 15 minutes are up.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Lamb.