

SPEAKER MARVEL: Point is well taken. Senator Simon, you have about one minute.

SENATOR SIMON: Mr. President, members of the body, I asked Senator Schmit whether or not he wanted to have the issue come up for a vote and he said he would just as soon have me ask him some questions so, I do have some. Senator Schmit, in the hand out that you made, under 3D you say, although there is not going to be additional tax funds the opportunity for far greater funding of litter reduction programs is created. I don't quite understand how the opportunity...are you talking about through contributions?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Yes, and I think, Senator Simon, that Senator Cullan just struck upon a very novel way to fund the whole program. Because we meet every year and if the contributions slow down, Senator Cullan, all we have to do is introduce the bottle bill and the fund will be automatically replenished. I know that that is not normally considered to be appropriate but it would certainly be effective.

SENATOR SIMON: That is one method. Senator Schmit, I do want to commend you for, I'm not sure about introducing this bill, but I do want to commend you for continuing to introduce legislation in concerns of a very grave and real situation. I guess the biggest concern that I have is that I don't see while you address many problems the trigger mechanism which is the funding doesn't seem to be anything greater substantially than what we currently have. Obviously we still have a litter problem in Nebraska and I am trying to understand how this bill is going to correct that. I'm afraid that I just don't see any deluge of funds coming in. If you could do something to set my mind at ease perhaps.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Schmit, you have 30 seconds to answer the question.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Thank you, Mr. President. Senator Simon, I share your concern whether or not there will be voluntary contributions. I suggest that I as a member of industry and business am willing to make a contribution of \$150 for million dollars of sales via the tax method I would be just as willing to make that contribution in the manner of a voluntary contribution. Now it may very well be as Senator Cullan pointed out that this will not be forth coming. If that is true then we can really honestly admit that perhaps industry and business is not as interested in controlling litter as they have told us many times that they are. If the