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that you have stated the reason it will work is due to one reason is the cheap labor at the pen, that was one of your reasons.

SENATOR REUTZEL: Senator Haberman, that is certainly not the foundation of the bill at all. One of the reasons we would like to see it operative is because we can provide some jobs for the inmates. Right now we have a waiting list for jobs out there. We can not provide enough jobs and the Appropriations Committee can tell you that...and the special committees have been looking for ways to provide additional jobs out there.

SENATOR HABERMAN: You mention that this will provide them with a...teach them a trade. Is the recycling business big enough in the State of Nebraska that they are looking for employees that know the recycling trade, how to run this equipment?

SENATOR REUTZEL: Senator Haberman, I think that we have to look beyond a narrow scope like that and look a little bit broader and a little bit broader prospective. The people are going to be operating machines, certainly that can be carried over from a bailing machine and a shredding machine a rather large operation that can be carried over to other areas of private industry when they get out. Not only those who run it but those who maintain it.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Senator Reutzel, I guess I'm just going to have to oppose this A bill and your entire bill because we are just starting another state project. I have yet to see a state project that shows a profit and doesn't grow like Topsy and I feel that this is just starting something that will never end. We can't force these people to work in this bailing machine, or this equipment or in this office. We can't force these people to do it to learn the trade. They can learn it on the trade from other recycling plants. If it is such a good idea I think that private enterprise could surely do the same thing. I'm just going to have to oppose your appropriations bill and your bill.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. President, I have a question for Senator Rex Haberman please.

PRESIDENT: Senator Haberman, will you respond?