

“Container Deposit Bill”

Dear Adam and Eve,

I pick up a bag of trash every week from the side of the road in the area where I live. Isn't there anything anybody can do about this? I want to look at the pretty fall color leaves, not all the stuff people just toss out their windows. Donna

Dear Donna:

In a time when we were not so absorbed in how busy our own lives were, programs like "Keep American Beautiful" were all that was needed to remind us to wait until we got home or the next trash can.

There have been efforts in a committee of our state legislature for a container deposit bill that other states have successfully used to reduce roadside trash; however, at this point, the bill has not even been able to get out of committee to be voted on.

The bill has even been tagged by some as a "tax" when all it has ever been was a deposit to be returned when the container is returned. Could it be that the same folks who see it as a tax are the same folks who are too busy with their own lives that they don't want to be bothered with having to return it for refund and could it be that these are the same folks who are too busy to find a trash can?

Are we as a society, to the point perhaps that we can say that being too busy is no longer regarded a positive attribute and is another way of saying that "me and mine" is more important than "our". In the meantime, maybe you might want to contact your state rep about the benefits of a container deposit bill.

RETHINK! REDUCE! REUSE! RECYCLE!

Please email questions/comments to DearAdamandEve@timemphis.org or write "Dear Adam and Eve", c/o Temple Israel, 1376 E. Massey Rd., Memphis, TN 38120.

