

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Robinson.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, Senator Beutler has gone into the details of the bill, but I just want to make a few comments. This study really and the culmination of this bill started last spring with LB 444 and Senators Coordsen and Byars, and Hartnett, Senator Horgan, Senator Preister and Senator Beutler, they were the people involved in this. And from that, there were several meetings held, Randy Wood of DEQ, and myself put together a work group. And there was also a 20,000 grant...a 20,000 dollar grant from the recycling fund that went to the City of Lincoln and other municipalities, including Lexington, Nebraska. So they were also studying that grant. And we had several groups involved in this, including industry representatives, recycling advocates, NPPD, Goodyear, state senators, municipal representatives, landfill operators and others. And we had people like Jean Hanlon, from the City of Lincoln, Bill Podraza, from the City of Lexington, Mr. T.O. Haas, who was the original pusher of this bill in 1990, and with a lot of help from the research department, Mr. Bernie Scherer helped us a lot, Senator Beutler's aid, Nate Donovan, my aid, Tom Norris, helped put this together. And using the help and the resources provided by these people we come up with this bill. We had a three hour hearing on this bill, it was a good hearing, there were a lot of good questions that were brought forth. We had no opposition in the committee to the bill. So, as Senator Beutler said, we worked with the Natural Resources Committee, and I think we have a good bill. And without...you have on your desk an outline of the bill. And if you have any questions, I'm going to stop right here, but there's one thing I want you to think about, every day we go by we have 4,100 tires, used tires that are no longer used on cars. So just think about that. Since the start of this session we've had 360,000 tires, scrap tires in addition to all those that are out in these scrap dumps around the state. Now I'm going to close with that, and if there are questions from the floor, we do have one amendment, hopefully we can get that in before the time is out. So, if you have questions, I'll try to respond to those.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Robinson. There are a number of lights on. Would indicate to the body that there are about 22 minutes left for discussion of this bill, and we do have an amendment to the amendment, I believe.