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SENATOR SCHMIT: ...particular area, that of tires, for the full tax. I don't think that is really good. So I would ask you not to suspend the rules at this time.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Baack, followed by Senators Coordsen and Elmer.

SENATOR BAACK: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I would like to yield my time to Senator Rod Johnson, please.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Johnson.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. President, members, this was just a preview of I think what is going to come, maybe later this session yet, or more than likely next year, but we hope that this discussion will continue. I'm going to tell the body I am going to withdraw the motion and the amendment because there has been some concern by Senator Baack and others that we may have constitutional problems putting a second subject matter into his bill. So we hope to find a particular bill that might serve as a vehicle later that we can strike the contents of that bill and put something similar to this in an appropriate bill. But, Senator Schmit is right, it has been a problem that has been around a long time and it is going to take a long time to correct, and the sooner we get at it the better. Simply ignoring the problem will not make the problem go away, and I think when you take a look at the numbers and you take a look at the information that was compiled by the Department of Environmental Control on the classification and assessment, this state has got some very serious problems with solid waste management. It dwarfs the low-level nuclear waste issue and I think it is about time that whether we use Senator Schmit's bills that he just mentioned or this bill or this amendment, I guess, we are discussing, that is fine with me, but it is just a matter, I think, that we have waited to do something, we have got the attention of the League of Municipalities. They are willing to start moving in a direction that will correct some of the problems out there, and I think the time has come for us to get something passed, and this year I think would be an opportune time to do something. So I am asking, Mr. Speaker, that the motion be withdrawn and the amendment be withdrawn and I will try and bring this issue back at a later date. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. They are withdrawn.