

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. President, and members of the body, I think last fall or last winter, I guess it was, I drove up to Omaha to listen to, I think Sharon Beck arranged a meeting dealing with to look at the tire problem. I think Senator Beck has a great, great interest in the tire problem, and I guess I came away from that meeting with that there has been enough research done in this country, that we don't have to reinvent the wheel again, and I think she is very sincere with her effort to do this, take some money for research, but I think if we are going to spend, you know, \$200,000, up to \$2 million, whatever the number is by 1994, we should be giving grants to businesses because I have a little business, I think it is still going, in my district that is doing something with the recycling of tires. And I see it spent that way, but when I came away from the meeting, I do appreciate the invitation by Sharon Beck, by Senator Beck to go to this meeting, but I saw that the research that has been done in this country. We can go and look at examples of what has been done, and I think it would be not good use of our resources, whether it comes from tires or something else, so I just would simply rise to oppose this amendment. Senator Nelson wants a minute of my...whatever is left of my time.

PRESIDENT: Okay, you have about 3 1/2 minutes.

SENATOR NELSON: Thank you. I had my light on. Maybe I am coming up next or so on.

PRESIDENT: You are next.

SENATOR NELSON: I, too, got involved in the interest in the tires, and I agree with Senator Beck, it is a big problem and what do we do with them, and I have to commend Senator Hefner, if that is no problem in his area. It is sure different than ours, the disposal. How I got started on this was grinding this up for use in concrete. We don't really have enough to have a reliable source. When I got all done, the Roads Department and so on convinced me that that was not a good answer, but I, too, in the last couple of years have done in my office recycling and the tires certainly didn't miss out. I will have to oppose Senator Beck on this because I can see any small industry coming in or so on, and I think all the research, and private industry will do their own because of the economic benefits. I give Senator Weihing a second of my time...of Hartnett's time.