rule, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Beutler, to open on your motion?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Members of the Legislature, I've explained,
and you've also had passed out to you now the principal   tenets
of   the bill.   So I hope that's enough information to get into a
discussion of the bill.   And I think Senator Connealy wanted   to
make a couple of preliminary comments, too, so I would yield the
rest of my time to Matt.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator...you're recognized to speak, Senator
Connealy.

SENATOR CONNEALY: Thank you. We still have a lot of tires to
clean up, and I appreciate the extension of this...this fund   to
2002.   We have, it was estimated by DEQ, nearly 2 million tires
still that need to be dealt with in the state.   So I would   just
urge   the suspension of the rules and the addition of this
amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Connealy.   Those   wishing
to speak, Senator Wehrbein, did you wish to speak?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes.   Yes, Mr. President, members, I am
pleased that this has come forward. I, for one, was   committed
to fighting hard against the proposal that would have been as an
amendment on this, not only I would have fought the germaneness,
but   the   amendment   itself as it was originally done, because I
believe we have, even   though we've done very good work in
recycling tires   in   the   state, we still have some work to do.
And I think that this gives us, I   would have   preferred three
years, this does it for two more years.   It does consolidate the
funds.   There's some things I wasn't aware of that they did in
this.   But, the way...the way we were headed with the sunset
coming   up   in June, I was not happy with. So I do support in
this case the suspension of the rules and would urge   the
adoption of this particular amendment, because I do think it
continues us on the right track and doesn't stall out as we were
headed toward doing under the present tire recycling law.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein.   Senator