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SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Connealy, you're recognized to open.

SENATOR CONNEALY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My attempt here is to keep the tire fund for tires and we moved a million dollars into priority status for tires on General File, and the rest of the fee will be used for...a small part for household waste, and the rest will be prioritized for tires, hopefully, and so I think that we accomplished most of what we wanted to do without retaining the tire fund in the General File amendments. So I probably will pull this but, before that, I'd like to ask Senator Beutler to maybe go through what his...what his opinions of what the tire funds will be used for.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Beutler, would you respond?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, Senator Connealy, thank you. You all may recall that under this bill we were trying to do a couple of things and we've been working with the League of Municipalities and a number of other groups of people who are interested in this whole recycling situation. And they have all come to an agreement, with the possible exception of one or two of the people interested in tires. But one of the things we were trying to do is stop using two different funds to do similar kinds of things and to consolidate the Waste Reduction and the Scrap Tire Fund for administrative purposes, among other things. But in the process of doing that, we wanted to be sure that we had left enough money in the Scrap Tire Fund and for the priority of scrap tire projects, to get done those things that the people perceived needed to be done in the scrap tire area; that is, cleaning up the remaining scrap tire piles and working with some of the important recycling projects that used scrap tire. So what we did is we put the funds together but we indicated that a million dollars of the new consolidated fund each year, until June 1 of the year 2001, would be used exclusively for scrap tire projects. And that...that million dollars represents a majority of the money that comes in from the scrap tire fee. Then, as a matter of compromise, that million-dollar use through the year...exclusive use through the year 2001 was extended to the year 2002. So now it's a million