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subjects instead of one. That conversation, understandably, made Senator Hilgert, the sponsor of LB 176, a little uneasy; it also made Senator Schrock, frankly, I think a little uneasy; both of whom suggested trying to find another way that might have...raise fewer questions, to do this. Well, pursuant to that conversation, I approached the Speaker and asked if LB 592 itself, which was a Speaker's priority bill...whether we could possibly get it up. And fortunately, because we've moved so rapidly in the last couple of days, the Speaker, frankly, was kind enough to put LB 592 up. So...but he did ask that we not get involved in extended debate on it, which seemed like a reasonable request, since it's already gone all the way to Final Reading. So what we're going to do this morning, with your permission, is reject the committee amendments, and put into LB 592 the bill exactly the way it is on Final Reading. And exactly the way it is on Final Reading is only different from the committee amendment to the extent that there was one amendment requested and obtained by Senator Connealy in the process on LB 176 that gave a little more advantage to the scrap tire people. This was a bill that was negotiated and agreed upon by many different interest groups. We made a final adjustment for the scrap tire people that changed the committee amendments just slightly. And so, again, what is being offered here is the committee amendment plus the Connealy amendment, which is exactly what's on Final Reading, and nothing more. And hopefully, you will see fit to help us advance then LB 592 on its way as an independent piece of legislation. As a part of that process, you've, I'm sure, already identified in your mind that we need to take this piece then out of LB 176, which we will do Monday, if you're willing to go along with this process, and that too, that portion of the process, also meets with the Speaker's agreement and with Senator Hilgert's agreement, and I think Senator Schrock's agreement too. So that's what we're doing. And Senator Schrock, I don't know if you would want more of this time. I would be glad to give it to you. Pardon me? Okay. So Mr. Speaker, I think we're ready to move to the committee amendments.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: The Chair of the Natural Resources Committee, Senator Schrock, you're recognized to open on the committee amendments.