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amendment.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Preister.

SENATOR PREISTER: Yes.

SENATOR HILGERT: Senator Preister, your amendment states, "Any person who operates a scrap tire collection site in violation of state law". Could you briefly...what state laws do you have to obey to operate a scrap tire collection? And is there a definition of "collection"?

SENATOR PREISTER: Senator Hilgert, there is section 81-15,162.01, and it basically states that you must have...a tire collector must obtain a permit from the department of...the NDEQ in order to operate a scrap tire collection site.

SENATOR HILGERT: Now, let's say...how many tires do you need in order to be called a scrap tire collector? What if you're just an enthusiast who happens to have some scrap tires behind their garage?

SENATOR PREISTER: (Laugh) An enthusiast with scrap tires behind the garage is an interesting thing to contemplate. However, there is a minimum number of tires before you would be required to do this, it's, I believe, something over 50. So, if you're a hobbyist with just a few on your old, perhaps, Model A or some of the old cars, people do have tires that they save for that, it would not apply to those people.

SENATOR HILGERT: Okay. Well, 50 sounds like a good number. I was also thinking of also the...the race cars that we have and, you know, a lot of folks in south Omaha follow that and are very good at it. Regardless, beyond that, I want to ask you, do you think that this might have any chilling effect whatsoever and the intent of the law, which was to clean up the problem?

SENATOR PREISTER: That's why we added the section on "in violation of state law". And so we do not want to prevent people or hinder that process of applying for the grant money. So as long as they know they're in compliance, if they are doing things within the letter of the law, there's no problem.