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SENATOR SCHROCK: That is one of the main thrusts of the bill. That is correct.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Now, does anything in this bill speak to the throwing them away along roadsides and that type of thing? Is there anything in here that is designed to discourage that?

SENATOR SCHROCK: No. They can still use these for blowout purposes. That's considered an agricultural purpose. And they can still use it for bank stabilization, that type of activity.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: But if I go in to my tire dealer and say, I want to take my four tires home because I want to save that dollar fee, I can take them halfway home, throw them in the ditch, and go on. Is that right?

SENATOR SCHROCK: Senator Wehrbein, the fee is on the new tire, not to dispose of the old tire. When you buy a new tire, there is a \$1 fee. It has nothing to do with the old tire.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: But if I...so I can...do I avoid taking...?

SENATOR SCHROCK: No, you don't avoid anything. You buy a new tire, you pay the fee, regardless of what you do with old tire.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Okay. Well, the letter I had was worried about increasing the amount of tires being thrown along roadside ditches, and that's what I was trying to get at.

SENATOR SCHROCK: No. The fee is on the new tire.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I understand that.

SENATOR SCHROCK: And of course, the money is to use...is to be used to recycle that old tire. But, no, we would hope that people wouldn't take their used tires and throw them in the ditch.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Okay. Thank you. Well, I have a lot of questions on this from constituents, is the reason I'm