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that we should have something in this state going a little more than we have, and I think that this here will help do that. And far as putting them in the landfills, a lot of people don't realize it, but one of the main reasons they don't want them in the landfills, if you bury a tire, they'll crawl out of the ground. That sounds kind of funny, but that's really the truth. They'll crawl right back out of the ground. And that's another reason that they don't want them in landfills. So this bill takes that option out, so that they can't do that. But I think that we need to move this bill forward, because I think it's really important to keep working on our tire piles. I hope that we can keep all the plants that's making the crumb rubber in this state, use that crumb rubber in this state. And I hope they don't go to another state, like the Department of Roads, and get their crumb rubber there, because I think we need to keep it all in this state. And only the states can have the grants and get the grants. So I think we need to move forward with this, and I want to support it. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK PRESIDING

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Jones. Senator Preister, on the Schrock amendment.

SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I wanted to talk just a little bit about the original process. I started to do that with Senator Janssen. There was a tire fire here in Lincoln at T.O. Haas' tires, and that was back in...I believe it was the late 1980s. And at that time it was a big problem. And so T.O. Haas, on his own, as an owner, took responsibility and wanted to do something about disposed tires. What do we do with all these tires and the tires that are sitting around the state? He and the manufacturers and others got together, and they came in asking for this dollar a tire fee to be put on tires, and to ban them from the landfill. And as part of the 1992 solid waste omnibus bill that the Legislature passed before I was here, all of that was accomplished. It was not necessarily easy. It was controversial. But it did happen, and it did move forward. As a result of those fees, and some of the wisdom that T.O. Haas had, that dollar that was set aside was put into a grant fund,