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most difficult tires to reprocess, just because they weren't in a more usable form. Now we're at the point where we're basically dealing with the easier tire to reprocess.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR PREISTER: That's the tire that's just taken off of the vehicle. As we get new processors able to take more of these tires...and some of the tires don't even stay in Nebraska. I know Firestone, for one, when they bring their Firestone tires into Nebraska, they also ship the tires that they off back out of the state. Some other manufacturers do that as well. So all tires don't stay in the state for processing here. So the ones that we generate we are beginning to get a pretty good handle on, and we are making some real inroads in how we deal with it. I think that dollar fee that's gone into the grant program has served us very well in addressing...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR PREISTER: ...the problem. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Preister. (Visitor introduced.) On with discussion. Senator Hartnett, followed by Senators Stuthman and Connealy. Senator Hartnett.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. President, members of the body, Senator Schrock, as I listen to the debate, I think what you're doing is a good move with this bill. I have some questions. I noticed...I got the committee statement and I noticed there were a lot of opponents. Was that because of the...was going to give special treatment to the Department of Roads? Would that be the basic reason that you had lots of opponents?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SCHROCK: The two items that brought in opponents, they didn't want the Department of Roads to get the direct funding, and then the people that were baling tires came in also in opposition.