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of environmental law that we already had in place.   But it
sounds like that has nothing to do with it.

SENATOR SCHROCK: That is correct. And it is illegal to dump
those tires in road ditches, just like it would be illegal to
dump a refrigerator or a couch. As you know, you're a county
commissioner, or were a...you know what that's like.   But we
have nothing to do with that disposal fee. That is at the
discretion of these people. And they probably use them for
their expenses to transfer the tires and whatever.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: And there's no regulation then for this
disposal fee, that if an individual feedlot operator comes to a
tire dealer and says, I need 150 tires, and he can come and pick
them up, there's nothing that regulates that he can't pick them
up, is there?

SENATOR SCHROCK: Yes. If that's the way they want to use the
tire, that is an approved practice.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Okay. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Stuthman.   Senator
Connealy, on the Schrock amendment.

SENATOR CONNEALY: Thank you, Mr. President, members. I want to
thank the Natural Resources Committee, Senator Schrock, Senator
Preister, for working on this, and for protecting this fee. I
think if we're going to collect this money, it ought to stay in
tire projects. And, you know, crumb rubber is a high-value use
for these. But it is a small part of what the answer is, and I
think that we have a large part that we're not looking at yet.
Senator Stuthman touched on it. We have a tremendous amount of
tires that we aren't actually dealing with. We, to some extent,
have our head in the sand. We put them in a truck and they head
off to Kansas, and then they end up in a landfill. And I don't
think that's going to last forever. I think that eventually
we're going to have to look at how we deal with the total.
Crumb rubber is not going to be the answer for all the tires in
the state, until we get some more value out of it and really get
some money in the end product. It's not going to be just from