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type of project, the number of passenger tire equivalents to be used, and any additional information the council believes is necessary. Section 5 of the amendment reinstates the sum of \$1 million as the amount to receive priority designation in making grants for tire projects. And Section 6 of the amendment makes sure that the political subdivisions have access to funds to be used for cleanup of both collection and disposal sites. Currently, only funds to clean up collection sites are eligible for grant monies. This is the amendment. I would ask you to adopt, and then readvance the bill to Final Reading. I will...I pledge to hold interim hearings on scrap tire issues still facing the state of Nebraska, and will encourage participation of all stakeholders. Scrap tires have always been an issue for the Department of Environmental Quality and for the Natural Resources Committee. We are trying to make the regulation of scrap tires less of a burden for DEQ, and still use some common sense in what happens to our scrap tires in this state. I don't think we've seen the end of this. But hopefully this is one chapter into making our scrap tire laws better, and to encouraging the reuse of recycled tires into other products, and for the proper disposal of tires. If you have any questions, I will be glad to try and answer. I appreciate the constructive help that we've received from Senator Cunningham, Senator Connealy, Senator McDonald, and Senator Preister, and if any of them would like any of my time, I would give it to them.

**PRESIDENT HEINEMAN:** Thank you, Senator Schrock. The Chair would recognize Senator Connealy.

**SENATOR CONNEALY:** Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members. I rise in support of the amendment. I did have a bracket motion up on this bill, and I have withdrawn that. I appreciate Senator Schrock's willingness to compromise to some extent. I still think that we aren't looking at the whole picture of tires. I think that we are...we tend to encourage industries, encourage uses, and then we end up withdrawing that encouragement and actually stopping that industry. We get people to invest in areas, and then don't follow up. And I want to make sure that we stop doing that; that we look at the whole picture of how we deal with tires in the state of Nebraska. This bill will outlaw certain uses of scrap tires, bales and