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other uses that are in place right now. I'm not very happy with that, but I think that this is the best we can get at this time. And I am encouraged by Senator Schrock's willingness to have a really in-depth look at how we deal with this part of our solid waste stream. We generate over 1.7 million tires in this state every year, and we need to have a real coordinated effort on how we deal with those, not just shipping them off to other states or shipping them to be burned someplace. And I don't think that's a sustainable operation. This will do a couple good things. It will do some uses for tires in steel manufacturing, and things like that. So that, to me, is a step forward. But I'm committed coming back and fixing the whole picture of tires. And I think there are more uses that we can use for scrap tires in construction and civil engineering that we are not allowing right now. And I'm committed to come back and help do that in the future.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Senator Connealy. Senator Cunningham.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor and members. I also stand up in support of this. This...I...Senator Connealy did a very good job, actually, of explaining my views. But I'd like to publicly thank Senator Schrock and his staff for working with us and accommodating our needs. And Senator Preister and Senator McDonald played a very big role in this also. And so I look forward to working with all of them this summer when we study this issue. And hopefully we can make it better for Nebraska. Thank you.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Senator Cunningham. Senator Jensen.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President. Senator Schrock, would you respond to a question that I have, please?

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Senator Schrock, would you respond?

SENATOR SCHROCK: Yes.

SENATOR JENSEN: On your amendment, on 2, (c), it mentions the