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The problem is not over. The solution is not totally complete. But we will continue to address it, and I think collectively we will do an increasingly better job. But again, I reiterate, we have had some very good successes, and this program has done that in a way that I think is good for the state. We will continue to build upon that to find even better solutions. Thank you. I do support this amendment, and then the bill.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Senator Preister. Further discussion on the motion to return to Select File? Seeing none, the Chair would recognize Senator Schrock to close on his motion to return to Select File.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the Legislature, I do owe Senator Jensen a better explanation. You can shred tires and use them as cover in a landfill, if done properly. I don't know how much of that is being done. But I can also tell you that baled tires...and if you'd like to see some photographs of what happens to baled tires, they're kind of like me. When they get old, they fall apart. And so, if you...and they just don't work. And then you've increased the problem. They've tried baled tires in feedlots. And if you can imagine what a mess that is when the bale breaks, and tires. They've tried them in waterways. Game and Parks has spent a certain amount of money trying to clean up some baled tires that were supposed to be used for bank stabilization at Branched Oak Lake. And it just gets to be a big problem. So one thing you can say about tires, they are a problem. But hopefully, with an interim study, we can find more uses. My personal preference for the use of tires is to use crumb rubber and use them in our highways in asphalt. And if we can get more of those programs working...and by the way, the asphalt is superior to asphalt that doesn't have crumb rubber in it. If we can get more of those programs being used by the Department of Roads in our cities and counties, then I don't think we'll have such a problem with disposing of tires. And hopefully the recyclers in this state can be successful, and there will be a use for these old tires. Thank you. I hope that's a better explanation.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Senator Schrock. The question before the body is the adoption of the motion to return LB 143