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started last summer building a racetrack of this type, assuming that he could use scrap tires for his safety barriers. Well, he found out that it had to be approved by DEQ and/or go through this legislation to be put in statute as a proper use, but in the meantime he had already scheduled the race. People from all over the United States are planning to come to Nebraska in July for this race. It will be a situation where a lot of money will come into our state, but if this legislation isn't passed this session, the race will not be able to go on as planned. So that is the urgency of this proposal and I would urge your support of using tires this way. More information will come later. We have amendments, so I think, Mr. President, I'll close for now with that and discuss it more later after we consider amendments. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Burling. There are committee amendments, as stated by the Clerk. Natural Resources Committee Chairman Schrock, you're recognized to open.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, the committee amendments just simply add the emergency clause so this type of activity can be promoted for this summer. Without the emergency clause the racetrack probably could not be up and running. I would just add some things here. When we passed legislation on the proper disposal of tires, we never foresee...foresaw some of these unexpected things being a proper use. And by all accounts, tires are used this way at other racetracks across this nation. It may not make Hastings the NASCAR capital of Nebraska, but it certainly could provide a great deal of tourism traffic, and there's a lot of interest in race cars, and I think this is a good proposal. The Hastings area is very much involved in this, very supportive, and I hope that this comes to fruition so that they can have a racetrack there that would attract a lot of people. And I don't think we are doing anything that is unfriendly to the environment by allowing this type of activity for the use of tires. We only know we have plenty of tires. We generate about 1.7 million tires a year in this state, of waste, and unfortunately a lot of them are being hauled to Kansas and put in landfills. And this seems like a proper way to do it and I commend Senator Burling for bringing the bill. It seemed only appropriate that we add