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place and that I think has served the residents in the area very well. So there is the distinction. We are not dealing with granting authority or not granting authority to ban tires. That is not in the amendment. It's not what we're doing. Anyone can get a permit. If they meet the guidelines, they can still burn tires. This simply deals with the state subsidizing the burning of those tires. And in addition to this, certainly somebody that wanted to burn tires could also get a tipping fee or a transporting fee and they could be paid to haul the tires, at the rate of \$1, or possibly more, a tire, to bring them in and burn them. So this is an economic issue, and there are other economics, and that \$1 a tire that, if they chose to, Ash Grove could qualify for, and they could get paid to burn the tires in addition to getting this sorely, very dearly needed money to go into other projects that we as a state have already determined are important enough that we put an investment in. And if we've invested that much money into these other businesses, we should not jeopardize their success. And I will talk more about the investment in those businesses and the importance of not curtailing those businesses, in addition to the funding the amount of tires that will now no longer be available to them as they have geared up, invested, have operations that are going and functional, despite some very tragic incidents, including fires, that have caused them to change their operations, to move locations, and to still rise from those ashes and do what I truly believe is recycling of the tires. And the initial fund that this money is in is a recycling fund. And if you read through Senator Schrock's amendment,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR PREISTER: ...or you read through the current statute, it talks repeatedly about recycling. It doesn't talk about burning, which changes the makeup. It doesn't talk about fuels. It doesn't talk about the air emissions as why we implemented the original fund and why we broke off a portion of that recycling fund into the Scrap Tire Fund. So those issues are all of concern to me. This amendment, which was just brought to me this morning as I arrived, I don't fault anybody for getting an amendment and trying to get something adopted, but when there was no discussion on this amendment, when I didn't even see the