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amendment until this morning, when there was no serious discussion over the concept or over this amendment,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator Preister.

SENATOR PREISTER: ...I have to oppose it.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Preister. You've heard the opening on FA443, which is an amendment to the Schrock amendment, AM2299. Open for discussion. Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I'm going to rise to oppose Senator Preister's amendment. What he really wants to do is go from \$250,000 down to \$50,000. The issue is, and the bigger picture, I believe, is to whether we want to get rid of the tires. And this is an effort to do this using the burning process, using...getting rid of 1 million tires a year. This is a one-time \$250,000 proposal. Once. And Senator Schrock is talking to Senator Preister right now about making that guaranteed within the statute, to make an amendment so it is only once. That's the intent, to set up the equipment. The issue is also that they're spending \$1 a tire. And I have some figures here from 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005: \$670,000 was spent in 2002, \$432,000 in 2003, \$777,000 in 2004, \$555,000 in 2005, at \$1 a tire, for an amnesty program. If there's going to be 1 million tires a year burnt, out of 1.5 million that are produced in this state, there's a significant savings right there. This \$250,000 one-time investment is a pretty doggone return, in my mind. So this is all, really, only about allowing a one-time effort to provide some equipment to do the burn. And it will pay for itself in less than a year, in theory, it would, because there would not have to be the amnesty program. And also, if really the idea is to get rid of tires, this does it. Right now, most of the grants, nearly everything else, is going for crumb rubber production. And I had one in my district at Nebraska City. It's hence now moved to Tarkio, Missouri. They're using about 400,000 tires a year for crumb rubber, which is going into highways, which, I don't know, I drive on them when I come in today, many of you drive..if you drive out Highway 2, that's a crumb rubber. There's also crumb rubber, Interstate 80, west of...east of Kearney, as I recall. So