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they're using it in roads, and they're also using crumb rubber in football fields. Those are the two issues that the grants are providing for crumb rubber to go into those two uses. Other than that, I don't know of any major grants that are being provided to do other uses of tires to (inaudible) recycling. So to me, spending \$250,000 at this point, guaranteed it will only be a one-shot deal, for equipment so we can get rid of tires, which ought to be our goal, it does get rid of mosquitoes, it gets rid of the water problems, it gets rid of the storage problems, it gets rid of the piles of tires. We have 1 million tires at Wakefield, 300,000 at Bassett, 200,000 in a silo in Elmwood, piled up. And we're...the rest of them are going out of state. And guess where they're going, in many cases? Where they're legal to go into landfills. So if you really want to get tires in the big picture in this country, why not burn them here, rather than going out of state where they're legal to go in the landfills, which we banned a long time ago? So it makes sense to me to proceed on this particular amendment and to allow one-time use of this money, \$250,000 at this point. So I will oppose the amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Mr. Clerk, announcement, please.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, General Affairs will have an Executive Session in Room 2022 at 10:30. That's General Affairs in Room 2022.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. (Visitors introduced.) On with discussion. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, Senator Schrock and I have had our go-rounds from time to time. Senator Wehrbein and I have not had that many. And it's regrettable, in a sense, that his last session here, when he's singing his swan song, will see me in strenuous opposition to something he wants that would benefit his district. I'd like to ask Senator Wehrbein a question or two.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Wehrbein, would you yield to a question from Senator Chambers?