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SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, sir.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Wehrbein, every time I get tires, I have to put in...I have to pay some extra money, and it must be for that fund that we're talking about here. Is that true?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And what you want to do is take \$250,000 of that fund, give it to a private company, which is going to make profit by being allowed to burn tires in order to produce its portland cement. Is that true?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Well, it goes to a grant system that we do regulate for other things, but yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Wehrbein, can Ash Grove Cement Company obtain permission to burn tires for...as a fuel for producing its cement?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I would assume so, with conditions that...all they would have to do is meet the conditions. Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And if a company uses fuel to produce a product, the company is going to make a profit. Otherwise, that fuel would not be used. Is that correct?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, although it is getting rid of a public problem of...that is, i.e., the disposal of tires. There are several public uses, I believe, that comes of this.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: You'd get marked down on your law exam for answering the question that way, because you answered more than what the question asked.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Except this isn't a trial, I hope. (Laugh)

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Not at all. You notice how modulated and calm my voice is as I talk to you this morning.