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SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I notice there's no trembling.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: (Laughter) Senator Wehrbein, when...if this one-time expenditure is made, using public funds to help a private corporation, that money will be used to provide equipment which will be used by that private corporation to increase its profit. Is that true?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Ash Grove could not care less whether any public purpose is served by burning these tires. Isn't that true?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I wouldn't categorize it that way, no.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Then can we say any profit derived from these...burning these tires, and having been given \$250,000, and they are civic-minded citizens, 2 percent of that profit which comes from the products fueled by these tires will go into this fund from which the \$250,000 derived, since they are imbued with the public interest in burning these tires? Would you agree to that amendment if I offered it?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I didn't follow that. You're asking a possible amendment of 2 percent to go back to community? Is that what you're saying?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Two percent of Ash Grove Cement's profit derived from cement or any other products that come from the use of this fuel, 2 percent of whatever that profit is would go into this fund in perpetuity.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I can't speak for them. I think I'd be hesitant to do that. But I think you should know that they've done a tremendous...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: ...amount of public service and public work in the communities in which they live. And I know in the case