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mosquitoes and rodents in tire piles, unsightly, and somebody else mentioned, boy, one of these catches on fire, you just let them burn. And black smoke, and you talk about particulates, emissions and so on then, it's a problem. There's not much of an opportunity to put a major tire...a pile of tires, that fire, out. You just watch it burn. So...and that has happened. So you need to keep that in perspective also. To me, there's just no downside to this. We need to go ahead and adopt the Schrock amendment and move on. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Baker. Senator Preister.

SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you, Honorable President, friends all. The...Senator Baker just said that one-tenth of an ounce per day of dioxin is emitted. Boy, I sure don't want that tenth of an ounce of dioxin filtering through my lungs. I'd much rather it wasn't put out into the air and then falling into the water, falling into the soil, getting into our lungs. We're talking extremely hazardous material here. A tenth of an ounce may seem like almost nothing when you're talking about chocolate on Valentine's Day; however, we're not talking about chocolate on Valentine's Day. We're talking a very serious environmental contaminant, one that we have problems with here in the state. A tenth of an ounce, and that...these aren't my figures, these are what Senator Baker said, but a tenth of an ounce is not something that...I was going to say sneeze at, but you might want to sneeze at it to keep it from getting into your nose, to keep it from getting into your children. These heavy metals that exceeded the coal amounts are more than, I think, we should subsidize. We need to keep in mind that if people think burning tires is okay, I'm not doing anything to prevent tires from being burned. DEQ could allow a permit, and Ash Grove can burn tires today. They could have burned them yesterday. They could have burned them last year. They could have burned them the year before. They could have burned them the year before that. But at this point, we're talking about grant monies. We're talking about subsidizing those burning of tires. That's a whole different story. And many of the speakers have talked about this is a good disposal process. Maybe it is. That's not the issue. People have said we need to do something with tires. We do, I agree, and we've been working on that. It's not like