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SENATOR COORDSEN: Senator Robinson, to open on your...

SENATOR ROBINSON: Okay, I got ahead of...

SENATOR COORDSEN: ...now current amendment.

SENATOR ROBINSON: ...myself there, didn't I. Okay, last year at DEQ's request, I introduced LB 594, which was ultimately amended into LB 495. The legislation was intended to make it easier to receive scrap tire recycling funds. However, that legislation included a provision which I believe was unintended. The provision restricted grant funds for cleaning up collection sites. It provided that only those sites which existed on the effective date of the bill would be eligible for grants. This amendment removes that restriction. The amendment would allow new recycling sites operated by political subdivisions, that's the key, operated by political subdivisions to be eligible for clean-up funds. Neither I nor DEQ intended to shut out new collection sites operated by political subdivisions. The amendment also proposes to allow up to 100 percent funding for scrap tire collection sites, which are cleaned up by June 1st, 1999. I think this amendment will continue our efforts to reduce the number of scrap tires in Nebraska, and I would urge you to adopt it. And I'd like to turn the rest of my time over to Senator Preister.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Senator Preister, you have approximately eight minutes.

SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you, Honorable President. I have worked with this piece of legislation, it was LB 1144, with Senator Robinson, through the Natural Resources Committee. Senator Robinson is correct in his assessment that there were some things that may have inadvertently been done when we had changed the Scrap Tire Reduction and Recycling Incentive Fund. This would go a little bit beyond that. The concern that we had was that, if we allowed additional scrap tire piles to be generated, that we could have people out there creating whole new piles. So what we have done in this amendment is to only allow political subdivisions to create those piles, so there is