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Environmental Protection Act for projects related to tire derived fuel. This is important to remember because we think, as a committee, that it's probably inappropriate to provide grants for people who are using tires as a fuel source. This does not prohibit them from using tires as a fuel source. It just says there will be no grants given to do that. It also prohibits disbursements under the Waste Reduction and Recycling Incentive Fund for tire processing related to tire derived fuel. It allows grants up to a million dollars per year for new scrap tire projects until June 1, 2004, and strikes language regarding rent monies for studies; allows persons who applied for a grant between June 1, 1999, and the effective date of this act for the purchase of tire derived products which utilize a minimum of 25 percent recycled tires...tire content to apply for reimbursement on or before July 1, 2002. Reimbursement cannot exceed 25 percent of the product's retail cost and may be funded in the fiscal years of 2001-2002 and 2002-2003. Now that is important because a couple people got caught up in a catch 22 situation where they applied for the grants and they didn't have their project completed so they were not available to receive plants (sic). But what does this mean? That means a football field at Hastings College and at Doane College who put in this turf field, which uses a lot of tire...tire chips, were not eligible for their 25 percent reimbursement from this...from this fund, and under this...under this proposal they will be eligible to receive that fund, which was the intent of the original legislation all the time. It allows disbursements to political subdivisions up to 100 percent of the cost incurred in cleaning up scrap tire collections, and it has an amnesty program. Cities can have a program for tire collection and a lot of times people will leave these tires, they don't know where their source is from, and it allows grants for that type of collection. It strikes obsolete language contained in Section 5 and it strikes the reference to a fund that no longer exists and replaces it with general language regarding funds paid by the Department of Environmental Quality. That is the essence of the...of the committee amendments. If you have any questions, I would try to answer them.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: You've heard the opening on the committee amendments. Debate? Senator Smith. Senator Coordsen.