

too, that have nothing to do with tires. And the...the tire grants would have priority, but they would still have to go through the...and it's a quite long, involved process. I mean they still would have to be worthy projects. They wouldn't be...just because they're a tire project that doesn't mean they're going to be awarded a grant. So basically they would have a priority as far as being looked at over just a general recycling grant. So I don't know if I've answered your question, but basically that's...that's what Randy Wood and I have talked about. So...

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Robinson. Senator Robinson, your light is on. Did you wish to discuss the committee amendments further? Any other discussion of the committee amendments? Seeing none, Senator Beutler, would you like to close? He waives closing. We'll now vote on the committee amendments to LB 444. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. We're voting on the committee amendments to LB 444. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of committee amendments.

SPEAKER BAACK: The committee amendments are adopted. I will go to Senator Robinson on your bill.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I think that the information that is...that has been discussed and presented by Senator Beutler and myself really describes the bill. And just reiterate the two changes from LB 163 is that the tires will have a priority in that private entities can be awarded grants. If there are any questions, I'd attempt to answer them. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Robinson. Discussion on the advancement? Senator Hartnett.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. President, members of the body, you know, we are moving into a new era as far as collection fees. We started a couple years ago with the tire fee. We have a litter tax that...I think Senator Horgan will have a bill coming up with litter tax and so forth. And I think this is all good as far as what we're spending in trying to clean up the environment and so forth. But I think we have to revisit the amount of money that's coming into these funds, are we spending them in