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a specific date that we will have licensure in this state of all landfills. That's the course that I plan on taking.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Johnson. I will now recognize in the following order Senator Schmit, Morrissey, Beutler and Hefner. Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, as I said earlier, I am rapidly losing all interest in the bill. I can predict that regardless of what happens unless you go back to the original green copy that we will hear repeatedly on this floor and off the floor complaints about the contents of LB 67. We have had numerous amendments offered, some adopted, some over the objection of the chairman of the committee and I would defy anyone on this floor to tell me what you have in the bill as of today. We have thoroughly confused the issue to the point where we ought to be ashamed if we had any shame. If anyone can tell me the rationale behind the vote on the Lamb amendment which liberalizes, gives the cities a little bit of an option and the committee amendments which say status quo is fine, I don't understand it. There ought to be some consistent trend as to what happens. Now, ladies and gentlemen, you may vote with each other if you wish, if there is comfort in mob rule, then help yourself. You can vote against the Schmit proposal. You can vote for the Morrissey proposal. You can vote against the Lamb amendment and vote for the committee amendments, but I challenge any one of you to stand up before a group of more than two people and explain why you did it and what you have accomplished. And under those kind of situations, you ought to be ashamed of yourselves. Now this would be bad enough if it were just going to impact upon one or two individuals. But you are enacting a bill here which impacts upon all of the second class cities and villages in the state. And instead of sending direction, you are sending confusion. The reason you put a bridle and a saddle on a horse is so you can guide him. If you want to get yourself a little switch and ride bareback without a bridle or a hackamore, you can knock him around and probably get across the country. That's what you're doing. I don't mean that you ought to hamstring these individuals but most of them have already made positive performance, taken positive action. With what you are doing here today, you are telling those who have taken positive steps, didn't mean it, deal's off, they made suckers out of you guys. Those of you who have spent hundreds of thousands and millions of dollars, we're telling Omaha and Lincoln and the first class cities, you folks have got to live