

to be up to the legal limit to be hauled over a road? What would be the disadvantage?

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Well, I don't know, Senator Schmit, I guess, again it just restricts your ability to investigate the waste. And as I said earlier, I mean, I'm not sure I'm on this bill or not. Because I...I think possibly the ability we need is already in there, but I...I'm honestly saying that I think if the 20,000 limit had been a problem, somebody would have told me this summer...all the operators.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well, I guess I'm just saying this. Whether we like it or not, semitrailer methods of transportation is probably here to stay. And I think that if this bill says that, in effect, you can't use the most economical method of transportation because if you do, you will be acting under more stringent requirements than otherwise, then I think it's wrong. Now if there is a legitimate reason...if it...if you were really trying to accommodate someone, Senator Morrissey or Senator Rod Johnson, then I would think that you would say well, if you can legally haul it, fine. If we want to inspect it, we ought to inspect a pickup load. If we want to make certain that our environment is not being damaged, we ought to inspect everything. As Senator Rod Johnson said, I could see more rationale for lowering it. But I find it a very, very strange dividing point. And I think that in time to come, as I have said, if you do not accept my amendment, then I think that we will be called upon to either accept it at a later date, or else to reduce the requirements that you have placed in the amendment. I see no reason, ladies and gentlemen, given the arguments...or given the explanations that both Senator Rod Johnson and Senator Morrissey, not to increase it to 40,000 pounds, just in the event that a stray load of solid waste from Aurora, Nebraska, for example, might not inadvertently come under the requirements and cause difficulty for the transfer station. I think we're inviting trouble. I think we ought to try to avoid trouble.

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: If there is a reasonable reason why we have it at the 20,000 pounds, fine. If...I do not think that has been explained. I believe that the 40,000 pound limit is con...consistent with what can be hauled and transported by semi. I believe that means it would be consistent to be