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LB 216

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, the reason for the introduction of LB 216 is to supplement LB 853 which the Legislature enacted a year ago. At the time that we enacted 853 the EPA had not proposed some of the requirements which are included now in LB 216. I will just briefly go through the bill for you. Some of the major requirements of the Environmental Protection Agency are that a manifest be provided identifying the origin, the routing, the destination of any hazardous waste during transportation or disposal. It identifies how to process hazardous waste and lays down the regulations and requirements therefor. It provides also that the Department of Environmental Control, the counsel shall consult with the State Fire Marshal relative to adoption of measures that have to do with anything that has any hazard connected to a fire, considers the impact upon the owner or the operator when you adopt these rules and regulations, and also provides for listing of all the materials that are deemed to be hazardous and identifies such. It identifies all the points to be considered for adopting those regulations that have to do with solid waste disposal, its impact upon the industry, upon the community. Provides for inspection of sites that are identified as being available for hazardous waste. Provides for special permits for the disposition or transportation of those wastes that are so identified as being hazardous. Provides the penalties for the violation. Provides for restraint when conditions necessitate that we restrain the transportation of waste for a certain period of time, and allows a severability clause. It is a very comprehensive bill but it is one which industry supports. It is kind of interesting that when the Legislature first began to address this issue a number of years ago there was some concern and reluctance on the part of industry. At the present time I believe the...without exception industry and agriculture support the bill and ask that it be enacted into law. I would be glad to answer any questions that you might have.

SENATOR CLARK: Is there any discussion on the advancement of 216? If not, all those in favor vote aye. All those opposed vote nay.

CLERK: Senator Clark voting aye.

SENATOR CLARK: Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to advance the bill, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: The bill is advanced. The next bill is 322.