

waste, toxic waste, medical waste and infectious waste and how they are disposed of in the state. Since these present a great risk to our environment and the Judiciary Committee is being commissioned in the AM1399 that we have adopted just a short time ago to the committee amendments, instead of limiting that study to low-level waste, I insert "hazardous waste, toxic waste, medical waste and infectious waste". These liability questions extend to many aspects of our society since we are becoming more and more wasteful and we have more and more of these types of materials to dispose of. And I would ask your indulgence in broadening the study while the committee is in its process to these other materials. Thank you very much, Mr. President, and I'd urge this adoption.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, sir. Discussion on the Elmer amendment, Senator Smith, followed by Senators Abboud, Morrissey and Landis. Senator Landis, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR LANDIS: I rise because the subject matter of the amendment seems categorically different than the bill. I'd like you to rule on the germaneness of this language.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Elmer, would you care to make some comments?

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Mr. President. It seems that this particular issue is one that people seem to want to divorce radioactive waste from any other kinds of environmentally threatening types of things that we are engaged in. And it seems that we should, while we're looking at liabilities surrounding the storage and disposal of waste, to not limit it to a very narrow scope of that study and waste the taxpayers' money, having to extend the study to the other areas at a later time. Seems judicious to me that the study of a low-level waste, that whether it is low-level or toxic or hazardous, it's all waste, it's all what is addressed in the amendment and it's part of the liability questions that we have and should be germane to the amendment that we adopted to the committee amendments.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Landis, any comment?

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, we all know this issue, it is the low-level radioactive waste issue and we found that we don't have good liability rules that take into