

way, and it is not the last that you will probably hear from me or others, on how to deal with the solid waste problem. I know that Senator Elmer, I don't know if he is on the floor at the time, but has been discussing whether the Natural Resources Committee, which I also am a member of, should be doing some in depth study of how we deal with the whole issue of management of waste in this state, and I agree with him in that regard. So I think you are going to be hearing more about this subject, but as I said, this is the first step hopefully down the right path of how we might be able to provide some financial incentives to communities across this state to do a better job of handling their solid waste problems that they have now. So, Mr. President, I would ask the body to suspend the rules to allow the consideration of this amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, Magic. Discussion on the motion offered by Senator Johnson, Senator Goodrich, Senator Moore on deck.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Mr. President and members of the body, you may want to take a look at this. Would Senator Johnson yield to a couple of questions, please.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Johnson, please, would you yield?

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Yes.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Senator Johnson, on your actual amendment, itself, page 6, bottom line there, you know, this is a lot of reading for us to have to buzz through real quick, but what it appears to be is that you have a council created in this, and the director, for example, for the department will wind up having complete say, and it says the council shall act in accordance with the director's recommendation unless action to the contrary is approved by each council member eligible to vote on the specific recommendations under consideration. In other words, this director can do whatever he darn well pleases as long as he gets any one council member to disagree. So in other words, if he doesn't get...if you don't have 100 percent of your council approving something, then the director gets his way completely, am I interpreting it correctly?

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: You are reading it correctly. It is basically a similar statute or requirement that currently is implemented by the NRC. We do not create a new council. The