

of that committee that the hardships that would be imposed upon in those cases small communities that currently operate unlicensed landfills would be such that it would be a tremendous problem for a lot of our smaller communities. So this is sort of a carrot that we are putting out for those communities to consider changing their manage...their waste management practices or closing their current landfill and looking at going to a regional landfill process. But, no, we are not asking to repeal the Whitney amendment. I perceive that eventually we will get to that point, but as the League of Municipalities told me, they see this year as being a window of opportunity to deal with some of the solid waste concerns we have and this amendment to LB 639 would help them, probably encourage many of the smaller communities to work toward looking at maybe closing or licensing those landfills that are currently not licensed.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I guess I would offer...I volunteer that I would have endorsed this at this time but I guess I would see this as only a prelude to what I think we are going to have to do, and it probably would be in this body, is to move along more rapidly in the State of Nebraska about doing something about our solid waste, encouraging recycling, and the things I am sure that this bill has been designed to do, but I think that it ought to be impressed upon all Nebraskans and communities, in particular, and counties that we are going to have to move faster and more actively on the solid waste disposal problem in Nebraska.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Moore is announcing the presence of 11 fourth, fifth, and sixth graders from St. John's in Waco, Nebraska with their teacher. Would you folks please wave and be recognized. Thank you. Glad you could be with us. Senator Schmit, further discussion, Senator Baack on deck.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, Senator Johnson and I are really not that far apart on this idea, but I have to rise in opposition to the motion to suspend the rules for a variety of reasons, one, of which, is, of course, this bill will require a dollar per tire tax. And there was a time a few years ago when we attempted that and motor vehicles assured us that we couldn't do it that way, that it was not a sales tax, it was not collectible as such, and that we would have difficulty trying...they would have difficulty trying to administer the bill. We do have another bill, 764 and 527. LB 764 is a broad ranged bill which addresses really more of the issues of the