

amendment I have to the bill is by Senator Rod Johnson. Senator, this is your AM2018 that was printed earlier this year. It is on page 110 of the Legislative Journal. AM2018, Senator.

PRESIDENT: Do you wish to take that up, Senator Rod Johnson?

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Yes, I do.

PRESIDENT: Okay.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. President, and members, catching up with this amendment, there is some question about whether...in the original bill, whether grants can be provided to private entities. There is some constitutional questions of whether that is legal for this state to do. Other states do provide grants in this area to both public and private entities, but in order to avoid a conflict with the Constitution on whether grants could be provided to a private entity, such as an individual who is developing a private landfill, we have decided to take that portion of the bill out because we are, again, afraid of some potential conflicts with the Constitution in providing financial assistance to a private individual. So that is what the first part of the amendment does.

PRESIDENT: If there is no further discussion, the question is the adoption of the Rod Johnson amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. We are voting on the adoption of the Rod Johnson amendment. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Rod Johnson's amendment.

PRESIDENT: The Rod Johnson amendment is adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Beck would move to amend the bill. Senator, I have your amendment that was printed on page 274 of the Journal, AM2037, 2037, Senator.

PRESIDENT: Senator Beck, please.

SENATOR BECK: Thank you, Mr. President. I think we really ought to applaud Senator Johnson and the scope and the content of this bill. The more that we studied on waste management and the problems that we have with our environment, the more I came to support this bill, but I do have a few word changes, and we