

Senator, I believe you want to offer AM2038 next, is that...?

SENATOR BECK: Right, I want to skip down.

CLERK: AM2038, Mr. President, offered by Senator Beck, found on page 274 of the Journal.

PRESIDENT: Senator Beck, please.

SENATOR BECK: All right, this, again, is another friendly amendment with which...well, all of mine, I feel that all of my amendments are friendly. Senator Johnson may...he may not feel one of them is, and I didn't mean for it to be because this is a bill that originally I did not support in committee but have come to support very much and want to help Senator Johnson with it. If you'd look at...if the people, members of the body would look on page 2 of LB 163, this is another word change only, in a sense that it focuses us on a certain amount of recycling but it does not mandate it. There is no force here and there is no cost. This, again, is just I think a narrowing of the bill, a specific goal at which to aim for. And after...on page 2, after line 9, after the word "process", just insert "and because of this situation all Nebraska citizens and businesses are encouraged to implement waste reduction measures that will result in a reduction of waste entering landfills by at least twenty-five percent." That is just...that is a very conservative figure. I think this is something that we, as Legislators, as businessmen, and landfill operators, and just citizens of the state need to do. It doesn't mandate how you have to do it, or that you have to do it. It is just a good, I think, a good suggestion, a focusing on the environment and the problems that we have with it. And at this time, the Pages are passing out some material to you that might help you in the understanding of 2037 and 2038, but having said that, and having promised you that this is an innocuous amendment, I would ask the body to approve it.

PRESIDENT: Senator Rod Johnson, did you wish to talk about the second Beck amendment.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Well, Mr. President, again, I support the amendment. As Senator Beck has indicated, it helps focus the bill's intent on working toward building a recycling program in the state that all businesses and citizens will participate in. It is not a mandated statement of language in the bill, so I can