

CLERK: Mr. President, 163 was discussed yesterday by the Legislature. At that time, there were amendments that were considered and adopted as offered by Senator Rod Johnson and Senator Beck had two amendments. I now have pending, Mr. President, an amendment to the bill by Senator Rod Johnson. Senator, this is AM2126, found on page 304 of the Journal.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Rod Johnson, please.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. President, I ask to withdraw that amendment.

PRESIDENT: It is withdrawn.

CLERK: Yes, sir. Mr. President, the next amendment I have to the bill is by Senator Morrissey. Senator, your amendment is on page 325 of the Journal.

PRESIDENT: Senator Morrissey, please.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Yes, Mr. President and members, yes. This amendment does some minor changes, and also, towards the end, makes kind of a major change in the bill, a major change in the thrust of the bill, in my opinion. If you'll follow along there, the amendment states page 2, line 15, we strike a "can" and insert "shall". The state shall encourage recycling by the example of its own purchases and use of recycled and recyclable materials, and also then we state that it must be readily available and at no more than a 10 percent cost increase. I think this is what...goes towards what we've been talking about. The state can encourage recycling, but I think we should and thus I changed the language to "shall". I think we need to do everything we can by setting an example for the people in the rest of the state. And then on page 2, line 23, again we strike a "should" and insert a "shall", because the state is a major consumer and example for others shall assist resource recovery by making a concerted effort to use recyclable and recycled products, and encourage other levels of government and private sector to follow that example. Again, I think we should do this. We all know we can do it, but I feel very strongly that we should do it and the time is now that we should encourage this recycling and waste reduction. On page 3, line 15, we add "products", after products that will not adversely affect the environment. As we change our rules, we must make sure that we don't just change the pollution. In other words, we must not