

enhance the bill's popularity among this body. And I don't have any real significant problems with the amendment. I am a bit concerned with parts of the amendment from the standpoint of doing the planning stage, whether that precludes us from moving forward on this issue until all those plans are made, and that could be a couple of years. And I guess I'd like to see us start moving forward as soon as this bill is passed, that a program is available to those local municipalities to try and get them to start taking a very serious look at their solid waste management in their community or in their county, and then, hopefully, make applications of grants to the Department of Environmental Control for the purposes of enhancing or improving their current landfill conditions. As the bill is written right now, the grants would have to go, first, through the Environmental Control Council, then from there the director would give the final approval. So there is a check and balance system there to make sure that certain applications that are not designed to actually improve a situation would, hopefully, not be approved and the money not wasted. So as I see it, as I said, I don't really have any significant problems with the Morrissey amendment. I am concerned about the timing and whether this will add more time to the process rather than actually speeding up the process. And I'm all for planning and proper and constructive criticism of the bill, but I'm very concerned that this is another situation where we're going to have to take probably another year, maybe two, to get the program rolling. So, at this point, I'm going to probably remain neutral on this particular amendment and the body can decide for itself if it supports or opposes this concept. Obviously, it will not hinder the bill from the standpoint of killing it, but it may add more time to whether this grant program is actually going to go into place. That's my only preliminary concern. There are other amendments forthcoming that I'm less that excited about, but we'll talk about those when they come up.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Morrissey, please, followed by Senator Schimek.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I agree with Senator Johnson, timing is very important. I think we're looking at the end of '92, possibly, and nothing is for sure on that when we'll have to have these new landfills up and going. I think...I'm not attempting to delay the process. I think that we must go with the state plan. We must give these