

local communities some leadership. And I would hope, with all the seminars that I have attended, all the seminars you all have attended and all the seminars that our DEC has attended, and some of the professional help that is available in this state and around the country, that we could have a plan up and running in pretty good shape. I really don't think that it could take that long, although we do, as I said, want to have a lot of input from the local communities, and this will...it won't take money from programs that are up and running, but it will put them in line behind the plan. The people that are now recycling will have to wait until we get a plan up and running statewide and locally, and I want this money to assist in that effort. Then once we get those plans up and running then those people whose programs are now up and compatible with the state and local plans will then get the money. Simply stated, I feel the priority right now should be a state and local planning effort, that's where the money should go first, and then to the programs that are up and running. We should prioritize what that plan should say, as I mentioned, and as is listed in my amendment. Thank you.

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

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Mr. President and members of the body, I would like to at least concur in principle with Senator Morrissey. I, too, am concerned about a statewide plan, and, in fact, have a five-page amendment drafted to introduce on this bill, which I may or may not introduce after it passes first round. I may talk with Senator Morrissey and see if we can't work together, maybe, to add some things to his amendment if, indeed, his amendment passes. But I do think that we could love this bill to death with all these amendments. And I think that Senator Johnson has brought us a bill that is very necessary and that does speak to some problems that we have, so that I hope that there can be some working on this so that we can come to some kinds of agreements that do not stall the bill and not allow it to pass, because this is one of the most important environmental problems that we're going to be facing. These communities do need help. But I, in concurrence with Senator Morrissey, am concerned that there is no statewide plan, there is no statewide direction. How can we be doing landfills until we find out what we're going to recycle and where we can recycle these things, where our markets can be? I think local communities don't often have all this expertise that they need and that state government