

could be very helpful in this respect. So I don't know which way to go on Senator Morrissey's amendment, for sure. I do agree with him, we do need a statewide plan, but I don't want to love this bill to death either. So, thank you.

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

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, I think that...I just visited with Senator Rod Johnson a bit about the bill this morning, and I also have several amendments that I have filed, and I talked just very briefly with Senator Morrissey. I believe that we all have a similar interest, and we have...the committee has another bill which is similar. It would seem to me that maybe time could be saved and the work could be expedited if we would work together and try to get these amendments reconciled so that they can all be a part of Senator Rod Johnson's bill and do several things; first of all, broaden the base of support; secondly, make sure that the money is utilized by those entities who have the greatest need. I don't mean to outlaw anyone or to prohibit anyone from getting access, but I want to be sure that those entities who have limited resources have access to this money, and then, secondly, of course, that they do...or third, I guess, that they do make some progress toward developing a licensed landfill. I have to say that we're going to see, as we all know, serious financial problems in many of the small communities across the state who do not have the resources and do not have the benefits of a city sales tax with which to finance their problems. At this time, I guess, I'm going to just hold off on any more amendments and, hopefully, I'm going to support the advancement of the bill and then try to work with Senator Rod Johnson to make it what I consider to be a little more acceptable on Select File. So I don't mean to say, Senator Morrissey, I'm not in sympathy with what you're doing, I just think it might be more timely at another time.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Beck, please, followed by Senator Rod Johnson.

SENATOR BECK: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Spencer, Senator Morrissey, I'm sorry, I just had a question, and this is a friendly question. I'm really interested in the plan, and I think that you can see that there is a lot of support from Natural Resources Committee people and also other people, such