

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Yes, Mr. President and members, I can live with Senator Johnson's bill the way it is, we all can. And we all agree that it's very much needed. I want to... Senator Smith asked me some questions I wanted to get clear. My amendment would prioritize the money, first, for a state plan; second, local planning, compatible with the state, which would be compatible with the federal plan because I lifted my language and my amendment directly from Senator Luken's bill that will be the guidelines for the EPA to use, the bill that is now moving through Congress. So our language would be very compatible, Senator Beck, with the federal language. And I agree with Senator Schmit, I feel the greatest need is across the state. I think Lincoln and Omaha already have some plans in effect and recycling in effect. And the way the bill is now, the money would go to existing plans, existing recycling efforts and waste reduction efforts, et cetera. I am simply changing the priorities to make a state plan compatible with the federal guidelines, compatible with EPA guidelines, to make a local plan, local plans and the people that need those are the people all across the state in small towns that are really just now starting on this issue and need some guidance, a local plan that would be compatible with the state and the federal plan. And then, after that, the money could be used to support existing and proposed recycling waste reduction efforts that are compatible with the local and the state and the federal plans. I just want you to think about this. What is the priority and what steps should be taken and where should the money go first? Think about it, and I will be back on Select File. With that, Mr. President, I will withdraw the amendment.

PRESIDENT: The motion is withdrawn. Mr. Clerk, do you have anything else on the bill?

CLERK: Yes, Mr. President, I do. The next amendment I have is by Senator Haberman. Senator Haberman, you have an amendment to this bill, Senator. This is the sunset date. Senator Morrissey, you had the next amendment, Senator. This is to reinstate Section 5.

PRESIDENT: Senator Morrissey.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Yes, thank you. Section 5 is reinstating the committee...the language the committee struck, which would be the newsprint. The argument was made in committee that this