

conflicting directions that we are going in this body and on a state level. Section 8 of Senator Johnson's amendments, that were, basically, consensus amendments of the folks, points out one of these, and that is that 163 focuses on recycling and solid waste management, and Section 8 says we should take this money from the fund we are trying to establish here and put it into another fund that is focusing on resource recovery and recycling. So if we establish this fund, we are going to have that fund and this fund, and I don't want to take away from this fund, but I want to pinpoint what is or, more appropriately, isn't going on. We don't have a focus. Now everyone in those meetings, we could come to agreement on certain things, but this issue is so complicated and there is so many issues to be touched on that we really need to look at what we are doing and how we are going about it. Senator Wesely's provision is good, too. There are incentives for closure of these other landfills. The EPA has recommended that in their rules and regulations they might say within 18 months of the adoption of these rules and regs, if you presently run a landfill, you can close it down, and then you will not come under these rules and regs. So that is a good incentive for these folks to close down early. Whether it is good policy or not, I don't know. They also allow, if they adopt that provision, that the state can provide for closure rules and regs, and that is something I feel we need to look at. If you really get into this issue, you find that the feds and EPA are saying we might do this, and this is probably what is going to happen, and it is probably going to happen I guess six months ago, and it was probably going to happen in January. Now it is probably going to happen in June of this year, and it will happen. The question is, when and how, and if we will be ready. I do support Senator Johnson's amendment 2268. I think it is heading in the right direction and I will have an amendment later on down the line that I think will focus us even better. Thank you.

SENATOR LAMB PRESIDING

SENATOR LAMB: The Chair recognizes Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President, and members of the body, I am going to support this amendment and I didn't get everything in it that I wanted, but I will be offering three more amendments a little later on. I feel that this here bill is probably a little hard on the small retail merchants, and I realize \$25 or even \$50 a year isn't that much, but I think we are singling