

stop and think about your house, your gas station, your cleaner, your bowling alley, your fertilizer dealer, and on, and on, and on, and think what the term "comprehensive" means. It means all of that stuff and all of the hazardous and municipal solid waste, and special waste that they all create, and it is just unbelievable. The money in the plan would be used to prepare the comprehensive plan that would provide priorities; first priority, volume reduction at the source; second, recycling, reuse, and vegetative waste composting; third, incineration with energy resource recovery; fourth, incineration for volume reduction; and, finally, landfilling. And that the Environmental Control Council...well, first I would like, the Department of Environmental Control would contract to have this plan done, would have to have it done within a year of the enactment of this bill. The Environmental Control Council would adopt and promulgate rules and regulations for solid waste management options which substantially comply with Environmental Protection Agency rules and guidelines. So what I am trying to do is set a priority. We may possibly have 18 months from this June to have this done. If it happens this June and it happens like a lot of people think it will happen, within 18 months of this June, existing unlicensable dumps will probably all be closed, and we have a lot of people addressing this on a regional and local level, and they all came to a lot of these meetings I was at this summer, and said, we need guidance, we need some guidelines from the state. And then when I said, plan, they started shaking in their boots and say, well, don't tell us what to do, just give us guidelines. So we are getting a lot of confusion on this issue. I want it to be clear that the intent of my amendment is to establish a very flexible framework for us to work within, and for those localities to work within. We have several bills this session all addressing some portion of the municipal solid waste problem. LB 163 is one of those. What we don't have is careful planning. Careful planning is crucial to the development of an effective solid waste management plan. As I said, this is very complicated, very complex. The issue calls for very careful thought on our part and very careful consideration, and coordination. We need to establish, as I said, a framework for deciding how to manage our solid waste, and to help the localities decide how they should manage their own solid waste. We need to establish a framework for the cities that are working on it, the counties, and regional efforts to work within, within that framework in respect to their own unique situations. It might be simply land disposal for some folks, a landfill. That might be their