

only option, all the way up to the total integrated solid waste package for the larger communities and larger regions. But we have to establish some priorities. The first step in this comprehensive plan that I am proposing would identify our waste stream. We must identify the state waste stream. What is in it? What is special about it? And then go on and identify and help the regional efforts identify their waste stream. Thinking of my district alone, there is a Campbell's Soup, a Woodings-Verona plant in Falls City, and all the industrial plants that I have got in my district, and you think about the ones in your district. The special waste that they produce are different all over the state. So we must help those folks identify their waste stream and then decide how they can handle it and manage it within a state framework. Source reduction is the first priority I give. We need to give incentives for efficient package sizes. As I said earlier, you think of the box of cornflakes, a perfect example, a huge package with a very small amount of material inside, strictly a PR gimmick by the corporations, and you can think of hundreds of those. We must encourage the use of reusable packaging, glass bottles reused like we used to do. Maybe look at a bottle bill, there is pros and cons of that. There is pros and cons to a can bill, a deposit on cans. Some say it discourages recycling because it slows down the process. We must look at reducing the toxicity of materials used in packaging. That is very important, reduction of the toxics is very important for water, water quality in the state. We must encourage that materials be used that are recyclable. You think of a liter bottle of Pepsi or Coke, and it is my understanding that is layers of different types of plastic, and there are other plastics just like that. They aren't conducive to recycling. Think of the little carton of Hi-C you can get in a Gas 'N Shop in the morning. It is a layer of wax over a layer of cardboard over a layer of foil, and I think there is probably some plastic in there somewhere, too. Very, very bad for recycling, we must encourage our folks and the people that do business in this state to use products that are recyclable. We must discourage the use of virgin materials. We talked about newsprint earlier, and I will just let you know right now I am going to drop that issue, but the use of virgin materials takes a lot more energy than the use of recycled materials. If you look down the line, you think of how much energy is saved on the amount of trees cut down, the implications on the greenhouse effect, the implications on water and air pollution as these trees are processed into paper, and you think of how much energy that saves just in paper, if we can