

encourage the use of recycled paper of all kinds. Recycling, which I feel is one of the big focuses of this bill, is a form of volume reduction and that should be the first priority, volume reduction, and recycling is one of the ways to attain that. Again, all the communities in this state are different. Some can curbside. Although our largest communities now not curbside recycling, they took the easier way out. They are recycling at the location. Some should recycle curbside. Some can't. Some can't recycle at all, but if they do, we need to give them some guidelines on how they should recycle. We have to look at marketing. Without marketing, recycling is simply collecting and storing in monofills. You collect all these newspapers and take them to one place in the landfill and put them there. You are not recycling without a market. LB 163 does address market development but it doesn't address other things, such as, what do we do with all the paper. Say you are collecting papers, and you have it and no market for it, what do you do with it then? What if you start collecting plastics, plastic bottles or glass bottles, and the market right now for plastics, glass, and aluminum is fairly strong. What is going to happen when everybody starts recycling? That market is liable to take a nosedive, and you have got this mountain of plastic bottles or glass bottles stored somewhere. What are you going to do with them? We don't address that anywhere.

PRESIDENT NICHOL PRESIDING

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: What about the health problems related to those large stores of, as Senator Beck will bring out later, tires, in the future, plastic and glass bottles? We must address this in a state plan. Location of the market is very vital, too. Should we encourage small markets because the weight of plastic isn't conducive to hauling it a long distance to be recycled? We must look at that. Import restrictions is something a lot of people are looking at right now and the import restrictions could prevent recycling. It can help us protect our borders, if that is what we want, but it could also discourage recycling by not allowing secondary, or the recyclable materials, not allowing the secondary materials to go across boundaries to their processing location. And I have got a lot more and I will hit my light again and I will quit right there.