

will be just closing, closing up shop so they don't have to meet the new regulations. Who owns them then? Who has to pay for cleanup? One million, five I am asking for a plan and implementation, and money to go out to these communities to develop their own plan, and help in siting and building their own landfills. One million, five in a clean-up operation could be eaten up immediately. We all are aware of that. LB 163 reemphasizes recycling, which is important but it is only a part of the total picture. Let's not go about this in so many different directions as we are. Let's focus, focus our energies and our efforts on the statewide level so we have a very well-organized, well-thought-out plan. I don't...I think a lot of the recycling efforts that are up and running now are great but they are up and running. We need to help some people that aren't up and running now. We need to look at the people that are really struggling out there trying to get something going, and that is what I am looking at. We have to look at everything. We must consider the health problems, environmental risk, the management costs, capital, operating costs, collection, transportation, importation, all the available technologies, marketing conditions, public acceptance, and public education starting now, starting in grade school. It has to be done for us to instill in our young folks, our kids, and I had an argument with my kid the other night for using styrofoam in the house instead of a glass that he would have had to wash later, but we have to start with these young children, and this plan can address that and encourage the schools to do that. We have to encourage coordination by establishing a general framework in step with the federal regulations that will allow the local and regional efforts to work within that framework to reach their own unique solution towards these established goals. And I haven't even mentioned the siting, only in passing. Landfill siting can take two to five to ten years. We have to get our process up and running now because we don't have that much time. I haven't...only touched on the closure and liability issue of the existing landfills, that is...could be a nightmare. We'd better address it because the feds may dump that on us. It is your problem.

SENATOR LABEDZ PRESIDING

SENATOR LABEDZ: One minute, Senator.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: If they close before the deadline, we don't regulate them, you regulate them. We'd better address it, and