

how we want to do the plan, the refunding for this half million dollars. And, for those of you that really want to know what you're voting on in this amendment, I would encourage you to turn to page 751 of the Journal which...and look at the Schimek amendment 2485. That's basically what this amendment is. And, as I mentioned, there is a difference of opinion on what we should do as far as who should write the plan and what type of oversight the Legislature should have. Now if you look actually on page 750, you will see the basic text of Senator Johnson's proposal which basically says that the Department of Environmental Control shall contract for the preparation of a Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan. That's Senator Johnson's concept. That's embodied in his amendment. Senator Schimek's concept and my own is embodied really in the next amendment and that simply says to begin with you create a committee and the committee you create shall formulate the State's Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan. So that's the choice you have. If you want to look at the membership of the committee created by this amendment, it is simply spelled out there in the Journal on page 752, actually. You have five members of the Legislature, one representative from the Department of Energy, one representative from the Department of Environmental Control, one from the Department of Health, one from the Association of County Officials, one from the League of Municipalities, one from the Nebraska Association of Resource Districts and one from each...and one from each of the following groups: environmental, recycling, business, labor and medicine. Those are the...that is the membership of this committee created by the...what we will call the Schimek-Moore amendment. Basically, the thought is, I mean, do you want to just appropriate the money, hand it over to the Department of Environmental Control, turn them loose and in the event that we don't like what they do, then we've got to come back and do something differently? Or do you want to have a little bit of strings attached here by creating a committee, as outlined on actually page 752 of your Journal, that has input from a variety of citizens that does the same thing? Now, Senator Rod Johnson is going to argue why have the added layer of bureaucracy and the added time in developing this plan? And I sympathize with his arguments but I simply feel if I'm writing a check, I want to have a little control over what's going on and it's not total control because obviously the membership of the Legislature on this commission...on this committee is a minority. But the simple fact of the matter is that, you know, I think it's wise to have some control over what's going on. Now, the Department