

are going to come as this program is developed. But if we don't pass this bill and we don't pass anything related to solid waste, the problem is only going to continue to escalate and the problem is that EPA is eventually going to come down on Nebraska. We know it, it's coming and we can't continue to stick...or sit here and stick our head in the sand and say, well, if we don't address it, it will go away. Well, it's not going to go away. And this study that was done on those five sites is a pretty good example, I think, of the problems that Nebraska is going to continue to experience as we start taking a closer look at a lot of these unlicensed landfills in the state. So this is one way that we can help our communities. It may be a property tax relief package because it is giving money to our local municipalities for the purposes of handling solid waste that they don't have right now and it's been the stumbling block and I have heard a lot of people talk about the reason why we can't repeal the Whitney amendment is because those little towns out there don't have any money and they can't handle it. So I would urge the body to advance the bill.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. That was the closing on the advancement of the bill. All those in favor of the bill advancing vote aye, opposed nay. A machine vote has been requested. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 163.

PRESIDENT: The bill is advanced. Do we have an A bill, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Mr. President, we do, LB 163A. I have no E & R. I do have an amendment to the bill from Senator Morrissey. Pull that, Senator?

PRESIDENT: Senator Morrissey, do you wish to withdraw it? All right, it is withdrawn.

CLERK: I then have an amendment to the bill from Senator Schimek. I understand that's to be withdrawn, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Moore, is that correct? All right, it is withdrawn.

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.