

in the committee amendment, as I said, is the lack of a date certain as to when the Whitney amendment will expire. We do not go on to talk more fully about once those plans for either licensure or closure of those second class cities and village landfills, once they've prepared those plans there is no mention of what we do after that point. So I guess we can address that in future legislation, or we can address that with this particular bill. I would add as a side note at the time that the committee adopted these amendments Senator Schmit was not present and did not have an opportunity to speak to the committee whether he supports or does not support these amendments. But this is the way the bill came out of committee. And, as I said, I think Senator Morrissey will have more to add on the amendment as he proposed it to the committee. Those are the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Johnson. Do we have an amendment on the desk?

CLERK: Madam President, Senator Lamb would move to amend the committee amendments. (Read Lamb amendment as found on page 804 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Madam President, members, this is an amendment which would...merely says that those cities, those towns that have a landfill which is a threat to the water supply would be subject to this amendment to this bill. I guess what I'm saying here is that there should be a little bit of selectivity; that instead of just saying blanketly we close all of them, or all of them have to have this plan which I'm sure will result in all of them being closed according to the rules of the department, that there should be a bit of selectivity. I know that the department has identified at least five of these landfills that do contaminate the water. However, I'm thoroughly convinced that a lot of them are perfectly safe, there is no problem. I have one town which has a landfill up on a ridge, which is probably at least 500 feet to water, it's all self-contained there. I see no chance of ever having a problem there. But under the terms of this bill we're lumping them all together, and I guess I don't believe that's the correct way to operate. That we should be selective in saying which are good landfills and which are bad landfills and not just selectively put...or without selectivity put them all in the same basket and say that