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SENATOR LAMB: Well, you see...

SENATOR HARTNETT: What's your opinion, because you served on the committee?

SENATOR LAMB: The problem is that I don't know what those standards are going to be and, as I read the bill, nobody else does. And as Senator Morrissey says, all it is is clarification. He thinks it's not needed. I think it is needed, and I guess that's where the argument lies.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Thank you, Senator Lamb. I guess I see this amendment as really, in my short time or tenure on the Natural Resource Committee, as one trying to bring people to the table. And I guess I rise also to oppose this amendment also along with Senator Johnson and Senator Morrissey. I think we have it there. I think we've given them time. The department has to develop some standards, and so I think that will give the communities time to do it. With that, I'd like to give the rest of my time to Senator Morrissey, Madam Chairman.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Hartnett. Senator Morrissey.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Senator Hartnett. Looking at Senator Lamb's amendment, I know where his concern is. His concern is for the communities out there that realistically can't do what the more populated areas can do. We have formed a task force within the state plan that is made up, and Senator Lamb is on, that is made up of people and interests from all across the state, all across the map, all across the many varied interests that come into this issue. The purpose of that is to make sure we don't impose regulations and stipulations on people that are not realistic. Again, we're not asking them what they want to do, we want to find out what is good for the environment, good for the water supply, good for our children, and what really can be done. We can't tell Anselmo to have a curb-side recycling program in effect because the markets might not be there, and their volume might not be there, and the traveling and expenses would be too high. We emphasized from day one flexibility and I think it's there, and I think with the oversight it will continue to be there. But what Senator Lamb's amendment does do is put the burden on the state. We want to