

didn't need it, maybe we don't need it. But, nevertheless, I think it clarifies what we're trying to do here is to say that, if you're not constituting a threat to the water supply, the Whitney amendment stays in effect for that second class city or village. What we're going to do is put such a burden on some of these small communities unnecessarily. Now, certainly those that are a threat to the water supply, they need to be closed down, or revamped, or whatever. And I'm not defending those one iota, not one iota. I realize that is a problem. But to just blanketly say all second class cities and villages are going to have to close them or meet these standards, which we all know are going to be far too expensive for those small communities to comply with, that is wrong, that's wrong. The Whitney amendment has been in effect for 19 years. Why do you think one of the main reasons is it's been in effect for that long? Because the people in this body recognized that those small villages and small cities, for the most part, do not constitute a big threat to the water supply, that's the only reason. If there was widespread abuse there, which needed to be corrected, it would have been corrected before this 19 year period had passed. So what I'm saying is, sure, if those villages and small towns are constituting a threat, through their landfill, to the water supply, close them down, make them do whatever is necessary to stop that threat. What I'm also saying, though, through this amendment, if they're not constituting a threat to the water supply, let them keep going, let them go at least for a while. Don't put them under this regulation. You know it says down here in the last paragraph of the committee amendment, the council shall adopt and promulgate rules and regulation which provide standards for the closure and post closure care of all landfills, including landfills previously exempted under this section. It doesn't say anything about keeping any of them open, it says we'll close them. That doesn't sound like it's selective to me. You know, maybe I am on this committee. I wasn't sure I was on that committee that Senator Morrissey mentioned, but even if I am on that committee, I think it's important that we have this amendment to this committee amendment today and now so that we don't put an undue burden, an unnecessary burden on those villages and small cities.

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

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you. This is just simply Senator Schmit's FIFRA argument, folks. He's tired of the feds coming down and telling us to do something without the proper funding,