

without proper guidance, and what will happen in the future if you just slap some regulations on us with no consideration to reality. And I agree with Senator Schmit on that. That's why we're trying to do what the committee amendments are doing. Senator Lamb's reference to drivers and driving license, the state decides the rules and regulations for driving. I...it's up to me to study the book and go prove that I'm concerned enough to take my driving responsibilities seriously that I will study and pass the test. Same thing we're trying to do here, folks. We had to give them until '92 for rules and regs, because that's the way the system works. We wanted to have another legislative session in there in case they couldn't, for some reason, get the rules and regs promulgated. It's a long process. Environmental Control Council doesn't meet that often. We don't want them to slap together some rules and regs, that's what Senator Lamb is worried about. But Senator Schmit's argument and Senator Lamb's argument aren't the same. Senator Schmit says we need to give them...we need to send a message. But if we attach this language we're sending a mixed message. We're telling them we want to do what's right, you've got to protect the environment, you're gonna either have to bring yourself into compliance, or you're going to have to close and we're going to give you the flexibility to do either. And Senator Lamb's concern that it just addresses closure, in the last section, it's...we already have standards for licensure, and we may improve those standards so we don't need to promulgate those rules and regs. It's the closure standards that we don't have. That's why the cities are concerned, and the villages, and the communities. They want some direction. And I mean that has been told to me over and over. And, if you haven't heard it, then your folks aren't aware of the problem. There is no direction presently on how to close their landfills. We want to give them direction and the flexibility to do that. Have you talked to your people that are addressing this in your district? Are they ready? Do they know what to do now? I talked to about 25 or 30 people the other day from all across the state that had absolutely no idea, and they emphasized over and over give us some direction, we need to know what to do, we need the rules and regs for closure. And if we...Like I said, they'd want them tomorrow, but we just can't come up with them by tomorrow, we have to allow time for them to adequately be drawn up and approved by the council, and the Attorney General. We have to allow the time. We've waited this long, and I'm not one for waiting on protecting the environment, and you all should know that, but we can't just slap them with these rules