

we've done by adopting Senator Lamb's amendment. It says cities of the second class and villages, on line 19 of the committee amendment, cities of the second class and villages shall prepare a plan, by December 15, 1993, that will bring landfills, previously exempted under this section, into compliance with licensure requirements, or provide for closure of such landfills. Okay. Senator Schmit's intent was to make a statement that we've got to get this done, you better do it. My intent, and the other committee members, was to allow the flexibility. Now on line...it says page 2 in the Senator Lamb's amendment, it should be page 1, line 21, insert, all right, landfills which have been identified by the department as constituting a threat to water supplies and which, and then it goes on from there. So what we have effectively done is we can't have closure plans in effect now until the department, with their two people and their limited funds, goes out and decides and personally visits every single landfill in this state and decides if, indeed, it is a threat to the water or not. So if we're trying to send a message you've got to do something, and we're trying to be flexible with them, we didn't do that. We just burdened the department with more than they can handle. They have two people on staff in solid waste, folks, two people on staff. Now they are going to have to go out and study each and every landfill in this state to decide whether it is a threat or not. We intend to establish, as I said, regulations for closure and licensure. We intend to change that through the state plan, through a lot of citizen input, through a lot of input from across the state. And we're trying to send the message that Senator Schmit wanted to send, you've got to do something. But now Senator Schmit, in voting for Senator Lamb's amendment, has probably put that date, unless we really beef up the DEC and their funding, thrown that date far past what he intended to do. How long? Ask the DEC, how long will it take them to go out and study each and every landfill in this state and then come up with the plans. Again, I maintain it is the responsibility of the communities to do...come up with the plan the way the committee amendments are originally written. I guess adopting Senator Beutler's amendment will address more than just water, which we should. But I still think we really did the wrong thing now, and I'm sorry we really didn't put this together until now, but now we have told the department, with their two people and their limited funding, that they must go out and identify, study each and every landfill in the state so they have to come into compliance. Now, if that's what you wanted to do, fine. That's