

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Yes, thank you, Senator Nelson. I really think we need to refocus on what we are trying to do and what we did do yesterday. Senator Lamb's intention, as I understood him, was to add more flexibility so, basically, some landfills in the state would not have to be licensed. That is a decision we have to make in this body. What we need to do, should they all be licensed, yes or no? What those licensure requirements will be? We do have a problem, all these landfills out there, and we have a problem that the people that are using these landfills don't really know what to do now and we are trying to address that. We need to send them a message, give them some direction. LB 67 sends a message. It says all landfills will...unlicensed landfills will close in March of '93. That is a very, very strong message but it doesn't address the realities of the situation that is out there, the realities of where our state is at on this issue. For an example, Tecumseh is not the same as Ord. For example, Tecumseh has been studying the issue in a five county effort for 15 months, and they are a minimum, minimum of one year away from siting and having a facility built, and that is minimum, again. So they might be able to be ready in a year through the efforts they have already put in, that'd be over two years that it took them to study their options and address the problem. But Ord, or other towns that might not have done anything, or are just sitting back waiting for more direction from the state, you are going to shut their options off to study their own specific problem and address it in a reasonable manner. Again, I said yesterday, not do what they want to do but do what has to be done and what they can realistically do. Siting can take from two to seven years, folks. If you close them down in '93, then where will the garbage go? That is the question. And if you are comfortable that your district, the people in your district know exactly where their garbage will go when you shut them down, then support 67 as is. If you think they need time to look at this rationally and reasonably, then support it with the committee amendments. If you want to cause a lot of heartache and, basically, take the thrust completely away from LB 67, you will continue to support it with Senator Lamb's amendment. If you want to get back to the original issue of making a statement and giving them the flexibility to rationally address the problem, you will support Senator Nelson's amendments. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Morrissey. I will now recognize Senator Lamb.