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my good friend, Senator Lamb. My goal originally would have been to support LB 67 in its original green copy form. Perhaps the deadline set in that by Senator Schmit was a little too soon, but I have long felt the point has come that we need to bite the bullet on these small town disposal sites. However method we need to arrive at that I think is what we need to debate here today. I am comfortable with Senator Morrissey's closure. I think that is needed in order to provide some guidance for those that need to close theirs. I will be receptive to a time certain as proposed by Senator Johnson and, perhaps, by Senator Morrissey in what we can do. One way or another, I think we have to move toward that area. We have to provide some guidance for those that are involved in that, and 20 years is plenty of time to have done something on their own. I think in most cases they didn't have any intention or need to do something on their own. The time has come that we must provide some guidance, and I really can't emphasize that too much. I think it is important for the state in the 1990s to provide some guidance and some vision in terms of the environment and our sites for solid waste disposal are one of those. We have mentioned many times about the seriousness of the potential pollution in many of these sites across the state, many of which I suspect far exceed the potential of even low-level nuclear waste disposal sites. So I support Senator Nelson in her attempt to return this to potentially the new committee amendments, and I would support a time certain date, whatever the body may feel. Perhaps it ought to be beyond '93, perhaps as late as '95, but I think we have got to provide a date, and we have got to provide a time certain that this will happen. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I call the question.

PRESIDENT MOUL: The question has been called. I see sufficient seconds. All those in favor of calling the question please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted on the motion to cease debate? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Debate has ceased. I will now recognize Senator Nelson for closing.