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trying to do, but I don't think you really ought to throw away the efforts of the Department of...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SPEAKER SCHMIT: ...Environmental Control for the past 20 years, I don't think you ought to tell the cities that have taken the steps to take care of their solid waste, ha, ha, we were just fooling you, no big hurry, keep on doing what you are doing, because most of the communities have made some effort. There will be some and Senator Lamb has mentioned a particular instance where they probably don't have a real bad problem. I would suggest that the Department of Environmental Control can go out to that community and work with that community and resolve that problem. You don't have to...we cannot pass a statute for every single possible instance that takes place within the confines of Nebraska. Somewhere there has to be some allowable reason for common sense and judgment. We have had three Directors of Environmental Control.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Each one of them appointed by a Democrat, each one of them have been an excellent director and have guided the department properly, and I don't think the next director is going to be an idiot either. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Schmit. I will now recognize Senator Morrissey, followed by Senator Hefner and Senator Rod Johnson. Senator Morrissey.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Again, I'd briefly, folks, this amendment should be supported if you want to make the committee amendments more palatable to the folks who want a date. I still don't think a blanket date for everyone in the state is the right way to go. I want to do what is right. I want to close the ones that have to be closed. I want to license the ones that can be licensed. I want to give the folks time to study their specific problems. Everyone is different. Everyone is not the same. We need to adopt this to make the committee amendments more palatable to the folks who want to see a date. Every date will not be the same. Every date will be directed at your specific landfill and I would think that would be what you are comfortable with. We need to send the message to the communities, it is your problem, we are going to help,