

Clerk last week, I think it was last Thursday. Basically, what this amendment does is retain the language of the Morrissey amendment dealing with closure and postclosure, as well as the issue of planning. However, it does strike the other Morrissey amendment, which we adopted last week, which puts in, basically, if I can remember his amendment... basically, it takes out his language relating to the issue of not giving DEC, I guess, the power to set a date for closure of landfills. My amendment puts in the bill a date specific as to when landfills should be licensed, all landfills in the state. It strikes Senator Schmit's original language of 1993, and sets that date back to 1995. It puts some kind of definitive time line on when landfills that are unlicensed at this point either need to be closed or brought up to licensing standards. I have talked to the League of Municipalities about this, and they have indicated that they can live with this date. They are not... I will not represent here on the floor today that they are excited about this date, but it, at least, is one that is acceptable in its face value to them at this point. So as I have argued on this floor time and time again, as we discussed LB 67, you have got to have a tool to bring people to the table to negotiate, to work together, as Senator Hillman and Senator Nelson have told you. They have problems with many of our unlicensed facilities or communities that are currently exempted that don't have to do anything and probably will not do anything until either EPA or this state decide when we will put a date as to when these facilities need to be licensed or closed. And that is what this amendment does. It retains what I thought was the good parts of the committee amendment, in fact, it keeps the committee amendment intact except we strike... I have had some people ask me, what does this language in the amendment, "Strike amendment 2." Amendment 2, basically, would have struck the language in the bill dealing with a date specific and we've put that back into the bill. But as I said, it retains the language that requires a plan for either licensure or closure of December 15, 1993. It retains the language that the DEC council shall, by July 1, 1992, adopt and promulgate rules and regs for standards for closure and postclosure, and it also puts in language that says by 1995, this state will operate licensed landfills, and that those landfills that do not wish to be licensed will be closed. And by that time, we will, one, have rules and regs governing closure and postclosure of these facilities. Number two, as the amendment calls for, we will also have the cities, by '93, say that they have a plan for what they are going to do with their garbage or how they are going to