

proceed with either the landfill or going into some regional approach. And, four or three, it also says by '95, by December 15, I believe, or pardon me, March 1 of 1995, the Whitney exemption comes to an end. Hopefully, that will bring the parties to the table that realize that we have, basically, three to four years in order to address our solid waste problem. And I sympathize with the argument made in the committee by Senator Morrissey that a very tight time line would only drive many of our smaller communities to close their facilities and probably to go to private landfills, and that is a public policy decision we have to make at some point, whether we want to continue the existence of private landfills or whether we want to have a combination of public and private. I assume that's the way the state will go but it is a policy decision we will have to make at some point. But in the meantime, we bring to some resolution this whole issue of the Whitney exemption, and this is simply my offering of trying to address what I saw as a deficiency in the committee amendment, which was there was no reason for many of our communities to do anything with their garbage or deal with this issue unless you had a date in the bill that pushed them to do something. And so this, hopefully, is a realistic time line that people can live with. As I said, I talked to Lynn Rex of the League. I asked her what she thought of the amendment, and we settled somewhat on this date. Like I said, I don't want to represent here that she is 110 percent behind it, but I think, at least, this date is more palatable than the one that was in the original bill. So I would move the amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Johnson. The speaking order now is Senator Morrissey, Schmit, Hartnett, Hefner, and Beutler. Senator Morrissey.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Madam President. I would ask Senator Johnson a couple of questions for clarification.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Yes.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Senator Johnson, we still have the same date for rules and regs, July 1, '92?

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Yes.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: And you just eliminated from the committee amendment, my amendment that said such plans shall include a