

date for closure, licensure?

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: That is correct, yes.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: So we are still giving direction by having rules and regs formulated?

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Yes.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: And we are still sending the message to the communities that it is your responsibility to draw up your plan...

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Yes.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: ...to be approved by the department.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Yes, that language is retained.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: And we are putting a date certain of...

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: March 1, '95.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: March 1, '95. Thank you. Colleagues, this is not exactly what I wanted, but it is a good compromise by Senator Johnson. It is a reasonable date that allows for direction from the department, allows for flexibility for these folks. Some folks may close before that date. Some folks may be right up to that date for closure or licensure, but we are sending the proper message and it is a good compromise that we are setting. The concerns with my amendment was that folks could go on and on and really never address the problem. So I would support Senator Johnson's amendment. This is an important piece of legislation that Senator Schmit introduced, and it has just been changed slightly, Senator Schmit. Maybe he supports this. It is not exactly what I want but I will compromise with Senator Johnson. I think it is a good idea and I will support it. I'd urge you to support the amendment and get the bill moving. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Morrissey. Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, I believe there is a sense of responsibility on this floor in this area, and if the body is confused, I don't think that they need to feel that they