

are any different than those of us on the committee because we have not really, perhaps, done the best possible job of presenting a piece of legislation to you. I will support the Johnson amendment. I believe the date is a little far out. I would prefer the '93 date or a '94 date, but at least there is a deadline. At least I think we recognize that you have to do something in this area and there needs to be, as Senator Johnson has said, some definite time so that we do not need to worry about whether the feds are going to do something, or whether someone is going to make a mistake and dump some hazardous waste in a landfill site somewhere, but that we definitely work with the DEC, give them some additional assistance in drafting rules and regs, and that we then remain in a position where we can utilize the results of the 163 study, which we hope will be forthcoming before too long. That could then give some additional assistance. Most of all, I think, we recognize that there is a need for some kind of cooperation between the cities and the counties and the villages, as well as our metropolitan class cities and our primary class cities, so that the issue of solid waste is addressed uniformly. I would hope that we would take it out of the emotional atmosphere in which it is today and we look at solid waste as it is, a product of the civilized society in which we live, something which must be disposed of in an orderly manner and a responsible manner, and that we all must share equally in that responsibility. To do otherwise is to perpetuate inequity and we do not want to do that. I believe this is responsible. I believe it also indicates that this Legislature has said we are going to do something. I would hope that if this amendment is adopted and the bill is advanced, that we then proceed very cautiously with whatever else we do so that we do not go back and befuddle the whole process again by virtue of the passage of a number of other bills, which I do not believe would be productive. So I will support the Senator Johnson amendment and would ask you to consider seriously whether or not you really believe that we need until 1995 to get this show on the road. If the majority of you think so, then, of course, I will go along with it. I think it is a little far down the road but the Rod Johnson amendment is the best thing that has come along since I drafted the original bill and I will support it. Thank you.

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

SENATOR HARTNETT: Madam President, and members of the body, I also rise to support the Johnson amendment. And I am also like