

LB 163 from last year. LB 163 also set up a grant program to provide dollars to municipalities and private groups that might want to utilize funds for recycling for solid waste disposal, for composting, for a variety of disposal measures, and one of the problems in the original 163 was that it was somewhat vague in how the director would distribute the funds because we allow the council to review the projects that come in, and then make recommendations or actually the director makes recommendations to the council, but we did not give in the bill the director the power to, basically, send the funds out to those groups that were approved for funding, and so that clarifies. This is actually a clean-up amendment of LB 163 of last year so that the director shall allocate the funds. It was unclear, as I was told by DEC, that it wasn't sure who was responsible for allocating the funds. We make it clear in this particular amendment through Senator Morrissey's...I had a bill in, LB 430, which addressed this. Since they both deal, basically, with the same issue of LB 163 of a year ago, we just thought, rather than send two bills to the floor, we'd incorporate LB 430 into LB 325, and with Senator Morrissey's approval, we have done that. So I would move the committee amendment.

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

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Madam President and members. I would just simply rise to support the committee amendments, and ask your support for 325. We need to give the consultant proper amount of time to allow for proper public input, proper input from the citizens across the state. We move the date from July 9, 1991, until December 15, '91. We are giving them about an extra six months to add to the public input, to add for the public's involvement so they will be involved in the planning effort that will affect them for the next...on into the future for the next 20, 30, 40 years. We all need to get going in this effort, we all know that, but because it is such a complicated effort, because the state is so different from the southeast to the northwest, et cetera, we need plenty of input and this will allow for that time for that input. I'd urge you to support the amendments and the bill. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Morrissey. Seeing no one wishing to debate this issue, do you have closing, Senator Johnson? Closing is waived. We will proceed to vote on the committee amendments to LB 325. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record,