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LB 325

Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of committee amendments.

PRESIDENT MOUL: The amendments are adopted. Senator Morrissey, would you like to do opening on LB 325?

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Madam President and members. Again, 325 would do two things. It would allow extension of the completion date on the solid waste management plan to December 15, 1991, to allow time for public involvement, public input. It would also clarify the granting of money on last year's LB 163. We need to get this moved through the system and get it approved so the consultants can change their schedules. By law now, they have to live with the July 9, '91 deadline because that is what is currently in law. We need to get this legislation advanced and through the process so they can change their timetables so we can allow for the extra time for public input and formulation of a responsible comprehensive solid waste management plan to get the state moving in the proper direction, so we can properly address the problems, all the complicated issues with solid waste management that will affect us all in the future. I'd urge your advancement of LB 325. Thank you.

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

SENATOR MOORE: Yes, Madam President and members, would Senator Morrissey yield just to a brief question?

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Yes.

SENATOR MOORE: When we passed 163 last year, there was deadlines put in that bill for a variety of reasons, which some of us are not all that pleased with and happy with. We are extending this date now because not all factions of the equation have worked diligently to move forward. And I guess what my question to you is, is this the last extension that will be necessary and proper in your point of view on this issue?

SENATOR MORRISSEY: We are now moving with the solid waste plan. I feel the original date, had we gotten a contractor right on board, would have been sufficient amount of time. But this, as I envision it, this is the last date I would request myself. I think we, in talking to the consultants, we have plenty of time