

would then bear in mind that we have a responsibility to go back to those communities which did close their facilities earlier at their own expense and try to help them in some way also. So at this time I move for the adoption of the bill.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Schmit. Is there discussion? Senator Morrissey.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Mr. President. Members, I told Senator Schmit I was going to amend his A bill. I'm not, but, folks, we need to start looking at these costs that we will be incurring in the future. And we need to all start thinking about where that money is going to come from, and who is responsible, because we're looking at...the figures we look at all the time are 200 some odd unlicensed landfills that we're discussing closing in the future. And no one knows what that cost may be to get them closed properly, or to license them for continued operation. But another figure that we have no grasp on whatsoever are the two or three other ex-landfill sites in most communities out there that we're not even talking about now. We pretend they don't even exist. I know in many of my communities there are at least two or three just within my memory, let alone the memory of some of the old timers in town, landfill sites, for the most part sited in a ravine, draining directly into a creek or other water supply. When we talk about funding this year and how tight the money is, we're looking at some potentially large costs in the future to protect our groundwater. And we can no longer just discuss the 200 plus unlicensed landfills, we must now start facing the fact that there are potentially many, many more old landfill sites out there that could be causing a problem to our water supply. And cleaning up the water supply, if it can be done, is a very, very expensive process, but is something that must be done, because it's the basis of the good life in Nebraska, because if you can't drink the water, folks, the people aren't going to be here to benefit from business, from education, or for any other reason. So I just want to urge you all to start thinking in the long-term, and start thinking about some of the costs that will be necessary to be incurred in the future, and who should incur those costs, who should incur the liability, and where all this money will be coming from. I'd urge your support of LB 67A. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Morrissey. Is there anyone else wishing to discuss the bill? Senator Schmit, do you wish