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SENATOR SCHMIT: Yes, Mr. President, I will close. Senator Morrissey has outlined some of the expenses that are involved. I would hope the state does not get involved in reimbursing these communities for some of the expenses that will be necessary for the closing of these facilities. I can't imagine any less desirable use of state funds than to pay for the disposal of some individual citizen's garbage. We ought to at least be responsible for our own garbage. As I said earlier, a great many communities have undertaken this responsibility on their own. And we should not, I would hope, ever take on the financial responsibility of closing these facilities, because it would not be fair to those which have made their own plans. I also want to point out that there are many areas we must take the responsibility for. And I know that oftentimes we enact bills on this floor with the best of intention without realizing the expense that is incurred by local subdivisions. And sometimes those expenses are, in my opinion, not necessary. But we do the same thing to individuals. And I flinch every time I drive by a service station that has a new set of tanks that they are installing, or a set of tanks they've just taken out, and I wonder whether or not all that expense really was necessary. But certainly I would hope that we would maintain a hands-off position here when it comes to expending money at the local level. That ought to be a local responsibility, not a state responsibility. Certainly the cooperation of DEC ought to be sufficient in this instance. And so while I acknowledge what Senator Morrissey said is true, there will be expenses, I would hope that there would not be an attempt, at any time, to expand this bill by further appropriation. Thank you. I move for the advancement of the bill.

SPEAKER BAACK: You've heard Senator Schmit's closing. We will now proceed to vote on the advancement of LB 67A. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of 67A.

SPEAKER BAACK: LB 67A is advanced. Senator Labeledz, did you wish to make an announcement? Senator Labeledz. Senator Labeledz, did you wish to speak to the Legislature?