

generated over a 30-year period, that would protect us from any additional volume coming in the district. You know, one of the things we heard in the committee, I remember vividly, was...and people have visited me, was why is US Ecology wanting to build the facility at 5 million cubic feet, when they estimate they're only going to generate 2.6 million cubic feet over a 30-year period. And the suspicion was, well, that's because after that 30-year period, we're just going to have enough disposal area to keep accepting waste, even beyond the 30-year period. And so the committee said, well, you're right, you know, we don't want that to happen. We want to fulfill our obligation, and we want to limit the volume to what we think is going to be generated during that 30-year period. If it's met before that, it's out of our hands. And what do we care, ultimately what Kansas, or Oklahoma, or Louisiana, or Arkansas say about how we set the volume level? We've met our obligation, it's their turn to take the heat. It's their turn for somebody in their Legislature to stand on the floor, as I'm doing, and speaking to carry out their obligation to the compact. It isn't easy, as Senator Schmit learned, to stand in these shoes and speak on the other side and have arrows hurled at you, because you're pushing something for US Ecology. I don't recall, when the committee put this specific language in the bill, that we ever even talked about what US Ecology wanted. We put it in there because we thought this was going to protect our citizens. If it's legal, I don't know, we'll find out, I'm sure. But what I'm saying is, who cares. We're trying to protect the people our state. We're trying to say we'll 'fess up to our obligation, but we don't want US Ecology operating that facility beyond a 30-year period and building additional cells to put in more and more waste in that facility, that's what we were trying to accomplish. And I don't know if we've done that. Senator Morrissey seems to think that this is all a conspiracy by US Ecology to violate the good faith clause. I don't recall when we debated that in the Natural Resources Committee, at any point, that we were doing that for that purpose. We were just simply trying to protect our citizens, we were trying to protect the people that we represent. So I oppose the amendment. As I said, I haven't heard from any generator, or any state legislator from other states saying, we object to the 2.6 million cubic feet provision. I would hope that you would oppose the amendment.

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

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Madam President and members. We