

place a procedure that will have reasonable opportunity for public input, that will define so that people know where public input comes, when it comes, what the procedure is so that we can set out clearly ahead of time how all these things are going to be uniformly handled. And I would invite you and be very glad to have your comment between now and Select File on portions of the procedure that you think can be made more reasonable. It's a new procedure. It's a long process, but I think a reasonable one and I'm anxious to get something in place so that a year from now or so when people start to actually think about siting they have the law to look to. And it will also be possible next session, of course, to look at refinements to this after people get to looking at it seriously. If we need to make some refinements, we can make some refinements. But basically that's the purpose and, again, we have accommodated all objections that we've heard to date, several which were good objections. So I think it's in reasonably good shape and I would move its advancement. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Discussion, Senator Morrissey.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members, again, I would strongly support the bill. I've been involved in two siting processes. One worked; one didn't. The process now going on in my district and some of Senator Wehrbein's district, the five-county regional solid waste effort, I want you to think about taking all the municipalities, all the small towns and larger towns in a five-county area, getting them together for almost two years and keeping them together and getting them all to agree. Now that's no small accomplishment, folks. That is including the citizens, not just the mayors and the city councilmen and county people and on and on, that's including the citizens, including the landfill operators and including the waste haulers, including the waste producers, that's everybody. We have done something similar to this, a very open process, where the people encouraged public input early on, encouraged the discussions to take place and almost two years later every community in a five-county area is still on board. Now I think that is quite an accomplishment and it shows what this open process can do. There are other areas that are also having the same success. There are also other areas that have gone about it wrong. They have approached the siting issue in what I would consider the wrong fashion and they are now running into trouble. They are running into citizen opposition and there