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SENATOR MORRISSEY: Which we could easily have a million dollars, on the public side.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Okay, thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Hartnett. Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. Senator Morrissey, if I could ask you just a couple of questions. It appears to me what you're doing is dealing with probably a lot of smaller communities' waste needs, landfill needs, but also maybe some of the larger communities. And we're searching for a funding source. One of the funding sources, I guess, that I would ask you to look at as an option here, a couple of years ago we did the MIRF bill, Municipal Infrastructure...where we raised some fees and some funds. Wouldn't that be one of the options that we could take money from that fund and place it into projects like this? Not setting you up, but it just seems to me that would probably be an obvious source and one way that we were promised, with some of the MIRF money, that we could that.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Yes, we did look at that. Unfortunately, some of the costs incurred by these small communities will be very similar to that incurred by larger communities, and MIRF is based on population.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: But we could still take some of the money out of there, isn't that...that's probably an option?

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Yes, yes.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Okay, very good. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. Senator Morrissey, you're next.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members. I realize Select File is a poor time to bring this amendment. But...Senator Warner says it's a good time to bring amendments. But there is a problem out there, and we had been deliberating what we were going to do, and I was hoping for the plan, and it will provide suggested tools for financing. But as we get more