

they sent that data information into the Department of Environmental Control, the department had to say, hey, we're sorry, we don't have the manpower or the funding to review the data. So we're requiring them to do it right by spending \$50,000 to install monitoring wells, and then we don't provide the funding on the state level, provide the commitment to do it right, that our department can even review the water quality samples that they take. So we don't even know if we're protecting the groundwater. That is one minor problem. Senator Lamb had a concern that possibly...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: ...some of these small landfills should be able to remain open. And that might be possible. But to remain open you have to prove the bottom line, that you're not contaminating the water supply. For a small town, like Anselmo, to prove that their small landfill isn't contaminating the water supply they're going to have to spend \$50,000 for monitoring wells to prove it, and prove they're not contaminating, and continue to prove that they are not contaminating. And then, hopefully, if they spend \$50,000 to prove they're not contaminating, we will have people in the Department of Environmental Control that can review the data and say, yes, you are contaminating your water supply. And, if that is the case, then maybe Anselmo will be able to get by with the system they have, because that will be our bottom line, folks, contaminating our water supply. Everyone asks, what are you going to do to us? What sort of rules and regs are you going to put on us? And I said, I don't want to make any projections, but I'll tell you the bottom line is you will not contaminate your water supply.

SPEAKER BAACK: Time. The next speaker is Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Mr. President, members. I rise to oppose Senator Morrissey's amendment. Although I'm in sympathy with what he's trying to do, I don't think this is the stage this year to do this, partly because of the tight budget situation. Primarily I'm concerned about raising cigarette tax. I'm going to be opposed to raising the cigarette tax for this or any other effort made this year, whether it's capital construction or otherwise. One of the main reasons is, if we really need more money in another year, if things continue to go relatively flat, or relatively tough in Nebraska, it's my