

the transporter has to have a permit in order to bring waste in and, more importantly, an inspection process, so that if we want to inspect that load to make sure that it is not hazardous material or material that we would not want to be disposed of in Nebraska, then we could basically turn that load back if that's what we want to do. It's a tough issue to get a handle on because we really don't know how much waste is coming in to the state at this particular point because we really have not followed that issue. We do have a number of private landfills that are importing waste. In fact, I would predict that as land use requirements on the East Coast and the West Coast become hotter and hotter topics, there are going to be more difficulty, I believe, in sighting landfills in those areas, that they are going to...you're going to have states and municipalities in our larger municipalities in this country, looking to locate their waste, or transport their waste to landfills in the Midwest. And that's happening today. I might just add, though, that many of our private landfill operators are licensed. In fact, all of them are. In fact, probably are doing a better job of disposing of waste than some of our unlicensed facilities. They are permitted by the Department of Environmental Control, so there is some protection there currently, but this really gives us a handle on where the problem is, or if there is a problem out there, at least gives the public some notice and some...at least awareness of what's coming in so it gives us somewhat of an inspection process. So the amendments are rather detailed. I...I've passed that out to you if you'd like to look through that. I'll try and answer what questions I can. One final note, I don't know if this is amendment to the committee amendment or if this is in the amendment, but it also clarifies that low-level radioactive waste, as federally defined, is not to be included in the definition of solid waste. There was some concern that we might have potentially some low-level waste items that might end up in our landfills, so we want to make sure that that is prohibited.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Johnson, the Clerk has a question for you here.

CLERK: Senator, did you want to take up your AM2326? You gave that to me earlier this session.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Yes.

CLERK: Treat this as an amendment to the committee amendments?