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SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Well, it...it's possible, yes, Senator. I mean...

SENATOR SCHMIT: So, in effect, we are limiting the ability of the transfer station in Council Bluffs to move waste from that transfer station to the dump at David City...landfill, I guess we call them today...by virtue of the load size that we regulated. Is it not...would it not be justifiable then, to either lessen the size of the...of the regulated load to perhaps 1,000 pounds that would cover my half-ton pickup, or should we raise the size of the load to 40,000 pounds so as to cover a semi?

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Well, Senator, if I had my choice, of the two, I guess public policy would...I would rather know what's out there, so I'd say lowering it would be better than increasing it, because, you know, as we implement potentially the Sea Point...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: ...solid waste plan, which emphasizes regionalism, I...I think that it's clear we may see garbage hauled several hundred miles in this state, from various municipalities.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Okay, just before I run out of time, I want to say this. Mr. Kobus at David City started a landfill because the City of David did not want to do it. And he did something which is rather...rather old-fashioned. He invested his own money, he hired his own engineers, he works with the Department of Environmental Control, he met all of the state's specifications, and then as is so often the case, found there was not enough local garbage, so to speak, in David City to make his operation economical. So then he was fortunate, in...from his point of view, in finding out-of-state waste which would come to his fill. I can understand the concern...

SPEAKER BAACK: Time.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...of the people who do not want to transfer waste across state lines. But I want to be certain that under 406, we know what we are doing, and it is an attempt to put out of business a landfill which will not be economical if it can