

only handle waste from the Butler County area.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Schmit. Senator Morrissey.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members, I rise to support the amendment to the committee amendments. I don't believe this is an attempt to shut down any one landfill. But I, too, like Senator Schmit, have some problems with the bill. I...and I think we need to address it and move the bill on and get some of those problems addressed. But I want to...I want to make Senator Schmit comfortable that I...I don't think that discussion ever took place that this bill is to close down a landfill, or is...has been drafted to address one landfill. The problem has been that we do:'t have a handle on our own waste within the state. And until we have a handle on our own waste within the state, we can't even begin to think about imposing any sort of rules and regulations on people from out of state who probably separate their solid waste better than we do. Because of interstate commerce and other things, we cannot tell them what to do, especially if we don't do anything ourselves. We just throw it all in one big pile, we have no room to tell someone that you can't bring your trash into our state. Some of the things I need, we...I think we need to straighten out and get clear on this bill are, in one place it mentions zoning dis...jurisdictions of, I believe just cities, but not counties. We need to clarify that. Some of the transportation issues I think would bother the railroads and the trucking companies. I understand we...we figured when would the 20,000 pound limit to address a semi load, but I don't think that addresses a boxcar load, or a hopper load, and it might not cover all semi loads. I know the Burlington Northern loads flash down in Nebraska City, and where they ship it, I'm not sure. But if they ship it within the state, according to this bill, they would need a shipping plan, or a work plan, or a special permit every time they shipped a car of that waste. And I'm sure that whoever is on the receiving end of that waste, I think possibly they're using it in making concrete somewhere, doesn't consider that waste waste. We have to be very careful in drafting our solid waste legislation that we don't inadvertently put restrictions on what we consider waste, and someone else considers a resource. Now, I might throw all of my aluminum cans in one pile, and that's a big pile of garbage to me or my wife, but if we compress all those cans, and load them on a boxcar and ship them across the state, just to a recycling facility, they turn into a resource. And by this bill, the way it's written now,