

import the highest quality kind of garbage that we can import, I guess. I guess it would behoove us all to read these amendments. I would hope that the State of New York does not reimpose...or impose upon the State of Nebraska, the kind of requirements on the food which we ship into New York State which we propose to in...to impose upon the garbage that we might bring from New York State. I know this is a very emotional issue. And certainly from the standpoint of politics, it is one which is a lose lose situation from the standpoint of the committee, or myself or anyone else. I agree with what Senator Morrissey has said. I believe that the Department of Environmental Control, or Quality, as Senator Wesely would have you call it, and I agree, has the authority to do that which is necessary to protect the environment in this state, be it in regards to disposal of garbage, groundwater protection, or any other series of activities that are necessary. And I've had a little experience with those individuals, and I think most of them are dedicated to carrying out the responsibilities. My concern with the amendment as it is written, is, as I have said earlier, that we can make it economically impossible for an individual to function in this kind of an environment, that of solid waste disposal. Now, that may cause a certain amount of economic distress to one operator at David City, or to a dozen operators in the state. But there is no law that requires an individual to get into the garbage business. It would be unfortunate, and I sympathize, if we put those people out of business who are in business. I sympathize very much with them. I understand their situation. But I want to call your attention to one factor, and that is this. That if the State of Nebraska and this Legislature adopts rules and regulations that are so stringent as to the importation, disposition, and storage of solid waste, that no individual will do it, then the responsibility falls back upon local governments to do that, and maybe perhaps upon the state government. Now just this morning we argued about whether or not we could afford \$95,000 for a public counsel for the Legislature. I would suggest, ladies and gentlemen, that if the State of Nebraska takes over the responsibility for the collection and sorting and disposal of all the solid waste in the state, we will make the educational budget look like penny-ante poker chips. Because we know those expenses are going to be substantial. The reason that there is not a public waste disposal facility in Butler County today is because the county and the city decided they didn't want to do it. They opted out of it and for good reason. Because they knew that the expense that it involved would be serious enough