

happen is for the State of Nebraska to finance garbage collection and disposal in this state. But if we, in this instance, place restrictions in this amendment, which cause the cities and counties and regional landfills additional expenses, then there will be a hue and cry from the countryside for the state, having made those restrictions, punitively damaging, to then help out with the cost. In that event, it would appear to me that the cost to control solid waste will dramatically increase. I offer the amendment seriously, and ask for your comments on it.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Schmit. Senator Lamb, did you wish to comment on this amendment? Senator Rod Johnson on the amendment to the committee amendments.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker. For those that were following along at an earlier exchange between myself and Senator Schmit, he asked me whether I would rather see the amount raised or lowered. I would prefer, if you're going to go that route...I would prefer to keep the amendment the way it is now at 20,000 pounds, but if you're going to go any direction, I guess I would prefer to see you go down rather than up because obviously that creates more exemptions for more waste being disposed in the state through semis or whatever other transportation unit is coming into the state. I...I may be missing the point. I believe the committee amendments were not designed to close or to put anybody out of business and I...I guess the requirement we're talking about is on the transporter of the waste. If that municipality that's shipping it to Nebraska or that private company, whatever it might be, the requirements, I don't know if they'll be that strict, when we're talking about a 72 hour notice requirement to the state, the potential requirements for weight and volume of the...of the waste, the point of origin where that waste came from and the description of what the...what's in the waste. If it's household waste or industrial waste, or whatever it might be. And if you're hauling on a more than once every two week basis, you file a work plan so that you don't have to continue to file new permits every time you're coming into the state. If that's going to put somebody out of business, you know, I guess I...I fail to see what that's going to do. What it does is it gives to us, the receiver of this waste from some other state, or some other point in Nebraska, at least a tracking and assessment of what waste is there. Like I said, I may be missing the point here, but I don't see that the requirements in the bill or in