

the committee amendments are going to be unreasonable upon the transporter of that waste. In fact, I would not be surprised if other states to not require something similar to this to allow waste to come into their states. But, I am going to oppose Senator Schmit's amendment. As I said, I'd rather go the other way than...than to go up, so I would urge the body to do likewise.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Johnson. Anyone else wishing to comment on the amendment by Senator Schmit? Senator Morrissey.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members. All I can say is, I'm sure you all know your waste haulers in your district. But by now, I think I know everybody's waste haulers and waste management people in all of the districts in the state. I spent all summer talking to them, all last fall and all this summer. I talked to Mr. Kobus, I talked to Mr. Gill up north and I talked to the people out west and I talked to the people in south central and southwest and southeast and northeast. I talked to all of them. And nobody once mentioned this bill that it was a hindrance to them. And through those discussions I had with those landfill operators and those waste haulers, I came to have a little more respect for a lot of them. They were very paranoid of me, thinking I was trying to shut them down, and I'd like to think now that they aren't of the same feeling. As a matter of fact, Mr. Gill in the Citizens Advisory Committee hearings requested more accountability for private haulers. One of the operators tried to loosen up a little liability clause we...we were discussing, and Mr. Gill, who is a operator up around Jackson, said no way. No way we want to loosen that up. We want the accountability. If I can't handle it, if I can't stand the heat, get out of the kitchen, basically. Ask for more accountability. So I don't think we need to amend this, because I think I'd have heard this summer that the 20,000, and we discussed in committee the figures, so we would make sure not...harm anybody, that we would not restrict anybody's ability to move waste around. Because management...we...we need the waste flows to take place. They have to move across state lines, within the state. They have to move. We can't just...that's the idea of building fewer landfills. We have to allow the waste to move through the state. Again, I'm not 100 percent sure we need this bill or will need it if we address the solid waste on that...in a more comprehensive manner. But I definitely don't think that we need