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to restrict...or to lower this...or raise this figure to 40,000 pounds, or I think I'd have heard it this summer. I would rise to oppose Senator Schmit's amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Morrissey. Anyone else wishing to address the Schmit amendment to the committee amendments? Seeing no one, Senator Schmit, would you like to close?

SENATOR SCHMIT: I have a question from...for Senator Rod Johnson. What is the magic number, Senator Rod Johnson, on the 20,000 pounds? Would you explain that to me?

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: I asked that question of my legal counsel just a moment ago as well, and, again, it...that is the approximate weight of a...of a semitrailer truck, Senator.

SENATOR SCHMIT: You're saying that you can't...you can't get more than 20,000 pounds of garbage on a semitrailer?

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Well, it's possible, yes, I suppose if they compact it, that is possible. But that's the reference that was given to me, Senator.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Generally, a 40,000 pound load is...is a legal load on most trailers, right?

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: That I can't answer. I don't know for sure.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Senator Morrissey, do you have any reason as to why the 20,000 pounds was chosen?

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Senator Schmit, I thought it was actually...we discussed in committee, and I can't remember sure, but I believe that it was the stipulations of the contract between the New York group and the David City landfill that figure came from, I'm not sure.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well then, if that's all you can get on a semitrailer, regardless of whether it is...you're hauling a...you do not want to limit a semitrailer, then would there be any damage done by raising the figure to 40,000 pounds? If you do not want to limit or prohibit the transfer of waste by trailer, would there be any disadvantage to allowing the weight