

understand, I guess, that we have had two people or one and a half people in this state addressing solid waste management. Now that is pitiful. That is pitiful. And we are going to have increases. We have I believe already got it clear up to six people. There are now six people, I think. Don't quote me, but five and a half maybe, six, something like that, people that check out solid waste in this system in this state, and we will need more, if you want to get a handle on the movement of waste within the state, get a handle on the disposal and the management of waste in this state. And, quite honestly, after my bill gets a hearing, a good public hearing, and it has already had a whole year of public hearing on the ideas, the general basic ideas, and after the bill gets a public hearing here, I wouldn't mind having this bill around in case we run into some roadblocks later. Because as I said earlier, there is a federal mandate, and, no, it is not Medicaid, it is one of those others, that within 22 months, your communities will have a licensed landfill serving them somewhere, somehow. And if you think they can do it on their own without any direction, you are probably right, but we will have a system, a helter-skelter system across this state that we voted not to have when we passed LB 163. When we passed LB 163, we decided we wanted some vision, some direction, some coordination for the management of waste in this state, and that is what we are working on now. And, yes, it will cost a little more money, again, not a quarter billion dollars; not a quarter billion dollars unless you do each and every thing, every ideal situation that was discussed and recommended in the solid waste plan between now and next year. Then it might...a figure like that, maybe you could come up with it.

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: But to fund the necessities, the federal mandate, to help your citizens manage their waste in a responsible manner is going to cost more money, but it is not going to break any budget, and it is not going to break any economy, but it must be done. And I have asked you to move this bill along, and we can answer some of the questions as like do we need it, is it constitutional, how much will it cost, is it to...will it restrict anyone's ability to operate, and I think those answers will come and we could have the bill on Select File, either to move on as needed on its own merits, or possibly to look for comprehensive solid waste management that has to be done within the next year and a half. Thank you.