

some of the points that I'm going to make. But, briefly, for those of you who might be paying attention, the committee amendments clarify that the local governments in Nebraska would have the option to cooperatively manage solid waste disposal with counties and other states. It also removes the goal of reduction language to the planning stage or section of the bill and allows those who reduce waste...reduce from the waste stream to receive a credit for those reductions. It removes the word "financial" from the technical assistance that would be required of the Department of...that would be the DEC, so that the department does not have to become a financial advisor. It changes the date for the deadline of filing an integrated solid waste management plan to 1994 to allow more time for local governments to develop such plan. It adds capacity assurances for 20 years to facilitate long-range planning. It allows the department permit program flexibility to meet Subtitle D requirements and the less stringent requirements for other facilities and clarifies that the department has authority to permit other facilities besides landfills. It extends the effective date of landfill bans for certain types of waste and changes the sunset date of the former Whitney amendment. It clarifies that fees will apply to either tonnage or cubic yards, actually landfilled and not recycled materials which would be pulled from the waste. The fees apply only to municipal solid waste landfills and not to demolition, construction and ash monofills. The amendments...or the amendment includes resolutions as to the method of adopting regulations for counties and agencies and the ordinances or the methods of adopting regulations for municipalities. It allows that the DEC Council and the department flexibility to regulate solid waste disposal, to protect our environment yet minimize costly and unnecessary regulations and requirements. It provides for an exemption to county boards' siting approval, requirements of LB 813 if the facility is publicly owned and is to serve an unincorporated area of the county in which it is located. If the facility will not serve any unincorporated area, the exemption applies if it is publicly owned and to be located within the county of a municipality to be served by that facility. It also allows the department to grant temporary extensions of existing licenses until 1993 if it expires before 1993. And, finally, it also allows those activities and operations already regulated by the Nebraska Oil and Gas Commission. Beyond that, I will turn the remainder of my time over to Senator Morrissey if he would like to expound further upon some of the comments I have made relative to the committee