

system as opposed to the Environmental Protection Agency coming in and mandating what we do. And we think we've given them the tools and the information, through the state solid waste planning documents, which is a series of four documents that you should all have in your...all have in your offices, we've given them the tools and the ability to plan, to sift through their data, make correct decisions, to join together, to finance and to manage solid waste systems. Now we're not just talking about landfills, we're talking about integrated solid waste management systems, which includes, number one, reduction of volume and reduction of toxicity so later on your other portions of your integrated system have a smaller amount of product to deal with. We're talking about recycling and reuse of product and the ultimate reduction in the use of natural resources, oil, wood, water and other natural resources. So it's a total package and it's just a start. We feel it's just a start. We have a few bugs to work out yet but we think it gives...that LB 1257, as we have it in the committee amendments and as we have to make a few more amendments today yet, I hope, will give us the framework and the base to start to look for the future in a coordinated effort all across the state in solid waste management because we have less than 20 months as we speak for your locality, wherever it is, to have a Subtitle D landfill that they can access. October 9, 1993 all landfills in the state will either be closed or licensable and that means they will have to be upgraded to Subtitle D with regulations which protect the air and the groundwater and which are much more expensive than we are used to building. Very short time frame. We need to get on with this and proceed with it now. And we've done a lot of work across the state...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: ...and in the building in the last...since January to get this in the shape it's in. As I said, we still have some...a few conflicts that we'll discuss later, but I would urge you to support the committee amendments and let us get started into the future of a coordinated effort to manage our waste. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Morrissey. Mr. Clerk, amendments to the committee amendments.

CLERK: Mr. President, the first amendment to the committee amendments is by Senator Johnson. Senator, your amendment is on