

term. The committee amendments clarify that local governments in Nebraska would have the option to cooperatively manage solid waste within their counties or in other states. Now a county solid waste jurisdiction area would be amended by the AM3566 which is on file or which we are now discussing to clarify would... such jurisdiction area would not include a facility that is located outside an incorporated area that did not serve an unincorporated area. In other words, the counties' solid waste management jurisdiction is the counties not including the municipalities. The counties had a concern that possibly they would inherit some liability from a city landfill that was in county solid waste jurisdiction areas. We think, through typical liability laws, they wouldn't have that problem but we clarified that in this amendment, 3566, that county solid waste jurisdiction area would not include a landfill that did not serve the constituents of that county outside of the municipalities areas. In other words, if it was a city owned landfill and did not serve the counties' constituents other than those within the city limits, that they would not be liable. The committee amendments... the committee amendments move existing Section 17 which pertains to goal reduction dates for waste entering landfills to Section 32 of the bill. Section 32 sets out requirements for what must be included in integrated solid waste management plans. We're requiring everyone to do planning, long-range planning capacity assurances. They can do that through the information provided to them through the study, the state plan, and the four documents and the technical data contained therein. The committee amendments also state that the waste streams would be reduced only where it was technically and economically feasible. This was recommended by the Citizens Advisory Committee. Landfill bans are something a lot of states are working at and looking at and some already implementing. We wanted to make sure that we had a viable option available when we had a product banned. In other words, you don't ban lead acid batteries unless you have a place to go with them. You don't ban white goods unless there is a viable alternative to disposal. That was discussed and emphasized by the Citizens Advisory Committee. That's why we proposed to move some of these dates back through the committee amendments. The amendments were, again in response to our concerns that the goal reduction mandates that we now have in the bill also, as opposed to the landfill bans that are contained in the bill, that the goal reduction mandates were too quick. We were basically at our goal reduction mandates, in other words, reduce the amount of waste going into the landfill by X amount, we were basically