

in line with Iowa and their goal reduction mandates and Iowa has been involved in this process for a minimum of five years longer than we have. So we backed all those dates off two years. We want them to be, again, reasonably achievable. In addition, the committee amendments would allow those that have already reduced their waste streams to receive credits for such reduction. In other words, Omaha has already done a considerable amount of reduction through recycling. We don't want them to be penalized for doing the right thing before it was mandated by state law so we don't...we allow them credits for reductions already achieved. The reduction goals identify yard wastes, small quantities of hazardous wastes from commercial and household sources, waste tires, waste oil, batteries, discarded appliances, and remove them from...as components of the waste stream. Now every time I talk about household hazardous wastes, that's the way the bill was originally, but as we move through the amendments, that will be removed and we will only be talking about small quantity hazardous wastes. Again, the amendment we are talking about now would strike household hazardous wastes as a component of the waste stream. It should be reduced, and in its place it will insert hazardous wastes, except household hazardous wastes which are exempt from regulation under the NEPA, which is the Nebraska Environmental Protection Act. We remove household hazardous wastes from reduction language right now because Subtitle D landfills are designed in such a way that they...they are expected to get a certain amount of household hazardous wastes in your daily garbage and household hazardous is your fingernail polish, a certain amount of, I suppose, paint cans that you throw in, in your garbage, and other things on small quantities. Landfills are expected to handle that and for us to expect to remove all of that right now with no programs in place for a state hazardous waste facility or something like that would require someone to search every bag of trash that went into a landfill and, quite honestly, that's not feasible. So we removed household hazardous wastes. Section 17 is just a policy statement regarding waste reduction, market development and education. Section 18 establishes integrated solid waste management hierarchy as follows. Volume reduction, number one, volume reduction. Remember that, we must keep that in the front of our thinking on this, reduce volume. And recycling, the reuse vegetative waste composting, number two. Land disposal, number three. Incineration with energy resource recovery, four. And incineration for volume reduction, number five. Now that's reversed with incineration for energy recovery and volume reduction was ahead of landfilling in LB 163 but the state plan