

effort showed that there are...were no areas of the state that were really where incineration for energy production was economically viable, so we switched those around. The committee amendment removes the word "financial" from technical assistance as far as the DEC is concerned. That would require that the department, in insisting an implementation of integrated solid waste management, not be placed in the role of financial advisor. Section 19 recognizes tribal governments as localities which can assume responsibility for integrated solid waste management because tribe...reservation land and tribes are basically government unto themselves. They have been targeted in certain areas of the country for large waste disposal operations. We included the tribal government in the solid waste management planning process, included a member on the Citizens Advisory Committee and urged the adoption of our rules and regulations by tribes in the state. Section 20 assigns responsibility for integrated solid waste management to counties and municipalities.

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: This is a very significant change right here. Before, counties and municipalities and others could manage solid waste. We're saying now, through LB 1257, that you will manage solid waste. Counties will manage solid waste to the people within their county except for those with any municipalities. And the municipalities are responsible for providing a system for their constituencies. They can join together again any way they see fit and they can join together across state lines again. And my district, Omaha-Council Bluffs, may want to go together. We're not restricting the ability to go across state lines for natural waste flows. Again, that's a big change from what we've had in the past. It allows the counties...or it mandates the counties will provide a system. Now that means the farmers will be allowed a system, access to a system. We found, in the state plan, a lot of farmers had no access.

SPEAKER BAACK: Time. Senator Morrissey, your light is on next, you may continue.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you. Farmers didn't have access in a lot of part of the...a lot of parts of the state and this will give them access to a system. It will also make it illegal for them to deposit wastes on their land anymore and, for the most