

solid waste at any place other than a landfill approved by the director, and goes on to talk about that. Really, that affects farm pits, I guess, as I would call it. And that's 18 months, approximately 18 months to comply and it's not that hard to comply when you basically say you will not dump anything in a farm pit anymore. Now there is a provision further down in Section 33 that does, I guess, allow some wiggle room in there relative to that, but this is just a real philosophical difference maybe I have with this bill in the fact that I'm not sure a lot of farmers or ranchers right now understand that they're not going to be able to dump in whatever kind of a pit they might have or burn in whatever pit they might have and that they're going to have to start sending all of their waste to an approved landfill. And that is going to take, I think, a significant change in both attitude and in common practice. Now that doesn't mean that there aren't folks that are willing to do that. I'm not suggesting that at all. I'm just saying that this is something that is really going to be different for a lot of farmers to understand. And I want to raise this point this afternoon so that people are not caught by surprise that when this bill passes, which I expect it will pass, that you're not hit unexpectedly by a constituent or two that says, did you close down or prohibit me now from dumping in my pit, or whatever it is that you've got on your own property. And the answer, under this amendment, is yes. So be aware of that. I guess that's why I'm pulling it out. Senator Morrissey, obviously, will give you the arguments why it should be...why we should not allow dumping in these properties that are owned by farmers or ranchers that may dispose of waste. But I...I just look at our own farming operation I'm involved in. You have a number of items, seed corn bags, just a whole host of things during the course of your operation through the year that you accumulate waste. And, right now, obviously, we take care of that waste, our own waste in our own way. Now one's going to argue that this, by stripping out Section 33, you're working against the goals provided in the bill of basically reducing the waste stream through recycling or getting the waste to landfills that are environmentally sound so you do not have leachate problems or problems of contamination. I agree with that goal but this is something I think is going to take a little more time for people to adjust themselves to do because I have often said farmers are generally the hardest group of people to get to change their practices and this is, obviously, going to take a change in someone's practice to start hauling their garbage or their trash to a transfer station or to an approved landfill.