

And I can see in Senator Lamb's area or some area where there is not much density as far as population, you're going to have to go a long ways probably to find either a transfer station or an approved landfill in that area. So I raise the point so that you understand that we are talking about prohibiting farm, basically farm pits or farm dumps to handle their waste on their own, and that, I guess, as I said, I will let Senator Morrissey explain why he feels this is necessary. But I wanted to take this section separately from the rest of the committee amendments because I think it's a significant change in policy for a selected group of people in this state that have been disposing of their waste in a fashion that is going to change dramatically under the provisions of Section 33.

**SPEAKER BAACK:** Thank you, Senator Rod Johnson. Senator Morrissey.

**SENATOR MORRISSEY:** Thank you. I would urge the adoption of this section to the amendment because it's what the farmers want. The majority of the farmers, as we went across the state, clear out to western Nebraska three times, said, we no longer want to dispose on our own land. We don't want to be forced to that and they know the reason why and anyone that owns land and hopes to sell it in the future understands. And there was an article in the paper about three weeks ago about environmental audits, about cattle dying from drinking water from cans and waste disposed upstream from their ponds. Many veterinarians from across the state can tell you the same story of cattle dying. Farmers Union supported the bill. The Farm Bureau supports the bill. We put specific language in to allow for the disposal of buildings, farm buildings and certain amounts of dead animals taken from Iowa's law. We did it at the request of Farm Bureau. And I believe LB 1257 went through Farm Bureau's process of legislation in which it went through all the steps that they have of review and I believe it is now a priority of the Farm Bureau. Now many farmers across the state have been denied access to a solid waste facility. And if you remove this section right here, if you remove this, there will be the potential that the counties who will be responsible under this section, some counties could say we will...we will provide a system and that system is the system you currently have, you continue to dump on your land, and that's what the farmers do not want. Clearly heard, many farmers across the state came to the meetings and said, what about us? No one is including us in these discussions? And I told them, you need to be involved,