

and in favor of adoption as the committee amendment of Section 33. And he has taken some of the words out of my mouth in the sense of speaking to the question of the importance of environmental cleanliness with regard to the resale value of the property. But I want to also talk about the fact that Senator Morrissey has built in a lot of balance to this bill. He has fought real hard for the rural areas but there have been some compromises along the way and I think those compromises are important. Going back a little bit, you may recall that in the early 1980s we had this thing called the Whitney amendment and exempted out from the provisions of the state environmental laws with regard to landfills those small towns in this state. And the closings, the closing of those landfills relating to the small towns is now a part of the general problem that we're dealing, in part, with 1257. By virtue of having exempted out those small towns, there are now some greater problems out there in the rural areas than there would otherwise have been had we required those small towns to abide by the regulations that everybody else abided by. And, as a consequence of that, more money is being paid. Now whose money is being paid? Well, the fact of the matter is there has been a significant compromise on this issue and actually it's probably, with the approval of this body, going to be state money, by and large, that's paid to clean up those problems. The people who cleaned up their problems earlier are going to help pay for those who came in here and lobbied and refused to clean up their own problems. Now, personally, I don't think that's very fair. But there are some practical considerations and it is tough on some of the small areas and we've made some compromises on this bill in any event. But I suggest to you that if we now proceed in 1990 to make the mistake with regard to the farmer that we made in 1980 with regard to the small town, that that's just too much, from my particular point of view. I think it's time that each and every one of us, both on our governmental levels and on the individual level, recognize that we cannot continue to dirty the environment, that it's expensive when we don't take preventives measures as soon as we can, and I think it would be absolutely inappropriate to break the compromise on this bill right now and start exempting out people once again from the overall effect of what we're trying to do. Senator Morrissey, I don't know what more I can say, but I do want to say, parenthetically, in closing that if there were an award for best work done on a single bill during a legislative session, I would vote for you and I would like to extend, in a public fashion, my appreciation for all the time and work you've put in on this. I think it was