

but that...those exemptions are not going to come easily. And just as an aside, they call that the Oklahoma exemption because Oklahoma is so wide and open and no groundwater down there, that's the same state that didn't have any land that could hold a low-level waste facility. And also I've heard in the past that garbage is more of a concern, from some senators, garbage is more of a concern than low-level waste, yet we couldn't have a low-level waste facility in western Nebraska because of the water but yet we can have garbage piled up around there, the way I envision, and now with no rules and regulations you can put it over anyplace. I disagree. The farmers want it, you remove this section, you will remove their ability to access the system. You will remove the farmers' ability to dispose of their waste properly and you will not be giving them a choice, you will be forcing them to dispose on their land and that's not the way we want to do it in the future, folks. That's not the way. I would urge you to support this section of the amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Anyone else wishing to speak to this section of the committee amendments? Seeing no one, Senator Rod Johnson, do you wish to close on this section? Section 33.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Again, I raise this point for those of you who have not read the committee amendments and possibly did not realize what this section of the committee amendments might do principally, in fact, almost exclusively to the rural constituencies of the state. During the opening on the committee amendments, I believe Senator Morrissey, I wrote this down, said, "A system will be in place to serve them". In 18 months, I doubt there will be a system in place to serve the rural constituency that would be affected by this deadline and maybe I should be addressing the actual date that he has set of October 1, '93, as a...as an area of changing this rather than striking the entire section. Obviously, we don't want to prohibit those individuals who may want to have access and should have access, if they wish, to landfills that are permitted. But rather than look at it as a political objective to meet an engineering company's proposal, I'm looking at this issue from a just down-earth proposal or reality that you're going to have a lot of farmers who probably don't even know that this bill exists and to suddenly find out they're going to be out of compliance with DEC rules and regs in 18 months and don't even know that the bill passed and that suddenly they're going to have to find somebody to take their waste. There are many landfills in this state that won't take