

SPEAKER BAACK: Section 33 of the committee amendments is adopted. I will raise the call. Senator Rod Johnson, now we go to Section 39, is that correct? Section 39 of the committee amendments. Senator Rod Johnson.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Speaker Baack, members of the Legislature, Section 39 basically deals with waste stream reductions, mandatory reductions, basically saying that your landfills, after a certain period of time, will not accept yard waste, after the committee amendments...after amendments that Senator Morrissey offered yesterday yard waste and lead acid batteries and waste oil would be banned by 1994, as I understand his amendment. Waste tires and household appliances would be banned by '95, and household hazardous waste will be banned by '96. For the most part, I agree with this bill as far as giving us a road map for the municipalities to get up to speed with the Subtitle D requirements and where the state is going to be as far as helping guide them with these new requirements under LB 1257. The problem I have with this particular area is there are relatively few if, in some cases, no markets or alternative areas to deal with these specific items. Now that doesn't mean that by 1994 or '95 or '96 that there may not be a composting plant that you can take your yard waste to to get composted, or take your leaves or whatever it is. I don't know where I'm going to take a washer or a dryer or a refrigerator since those are also going to be banned at a certain point, or what I'm going to do with my household hazardous kinds of waste. The problem I have is that there...at this particular time and as we talk about this bill, I'm unaware of a lot of the markets, if you will, that I can take these items to and take them out of the waste stream. This is sort of mandating...by putting mandates in there, you're forcing a market, so to speak. I don't know if, by those dates, we can meet those or the marketplace will meet those mandated dates. So, with this, I'm simply stripping this section out. This is not a section, as far as I'm concerned, that cannot be addressed next year or the year after by this Legislature. It is not imperative. I don't know of anything in Subtitle D that tells us that we have to have a mandatory waste stream reduction process. Maybe there is and I've missed it, but this goes a little bit beyond what I would like to see in this bill as far as mandating waste stream reduction. It just seems that, in part, it's going to be difficult for the public to comply with this by those milestones or deadlines. So, with that, I would ask that this section be stricken from the bill. It's not that I don't agree with the