

refined it again to make sure.

SENATOR WARNER: Time.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: These goals can be achieved easily but we need to leave them out there. I would urge you to support this section of the bill.

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I would also like to speak in favor of retaining this particular section of the bill. This particular section of the bill is demanding but I think it's important to point out that there is at least one legislative year and, in most cases, more than one legislative year to deal with these particular aspects in the event that the markets do not develop that make this practicable. But the thing that I wanted to remind you of are Sections 29 and 30 and 31 of the bill, all of which is a great deal of detail with regard to how communities are to develop and present to DEC a whole process for the integrated solid waste management plan. And they all have to have this management plan and there are certain aspects set out on pages 18 and 19 of the bill with regard to what has to be in that plan, including information about the waste hierarchy and how they intend to manage the entire problem. And all of these things that we're talking about in Section 39 has to...have to do with the waste hierarchy and they're all things that we will have to deal with eventually. We'll have to deal with them eventually. If we don't deal with them, the federal government will most certainly make us deal with them eventually. And so I think the important question is, how do we get people to plan to deal with them? And how do we get them to prepare to deal with them in the best possible way at the nearest point in the future that is practicable? And I think that Senator Morrissey is right in indicating that what we need to do is set out what we want to see done, what must be done eventually so that in doing their plans, in hiring consultants, in thinking this through with each community that's involved, they can look and receive some guidance from the statutory language with regard to the steps that have to be taken in the future. And it may not be exactly this timetable but everything that's happened historically in the area of solid waste management indicates that these things will happen and the sooner we get to it, the better, and the sooner we start thinking about it, the sooner we'll get to it.