

the land, on the yard waste. Let's say...let's say I'm out at Senator...Senator Wehrbein's farm and he has that yard waste and he has a pile where he puts that yard waste, how do you determine what is, in fact, composting or as it's described here in the bill where it says, nothing shall prohibit the use of yard waste as a land cover or as a soil conditioning material, where is the line between the dumping of yard waste and the definition of composting?

SENATOR MORRISSEY: That will be determined by the Environmental Control Council.

SENATOR ABOUD: All right, thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Abboud. Senator Elmer.

SENATOR ELMER: Madam President, I pass.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Elmer. Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Madam President, and a few members, I have handed out an article from the local newspaper relative to the Butler County landfill. And, as you can see, it is going to cost that young man up there around \$30 million to develop his 60-acre landfill. That is somewhat competitive, Senator Dierks, to what is being spent on the low-level waste site in Boyd County. This is being done a little differently. This young man is sticking his own neck out and investing his own money, taking his own chances, subjecting himself to the vagaries of public persons like ourselves. That is not my major point, however. My major point is that if it costs \$30 million for a 60-acre landfill, \$500,000 per acre for development, I wonder if we are overengineering some of these sites. I am the foremost proponent of safety in solid waste disposal but it would appear to me that, to the best of my knowledge, we have not yet identified the contaminated soil or water from the multitude of sites that have been operating in the State of Nebraska these past many years and my concern is that we are setting up a system which may be extremely expensive, not just to establish but also to operate. I want to just offer a word of caution because I have picked up tons and tons of garbage along my roadside ditches, over the last 45 years, deposited there by my erstwhile urban neighbors and maybe by some of my rural neighbors. But if the system isn't designed to facilitate the public, any mayor will tell you, any county board member will