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PRESIDENT MOUL: The committee amendments are adopted. Is there anything further on the bill, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: I have nothing further pending on the bill at this time, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Does anyone wish to debate the bill, itself? Senator Morrissey, have you had opening yet? Okay, Senator Morrissey.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Madam President and members. Move the bill.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Madam President and members, I really have no objections to the passage of 1257, if the votes are there to pass it. I just think that it is unbelievable that we pass a bill like this with as little discussion as we have had. Senator Morrissey had said there is no...there are no state funds in the bill. That is right. It is going to be fee funded. He suggests that when we buy a new refrigerator, the old one will be picked up. I can envision that when we buy a new \$400 refrigerator, that it is going to cost \$800 to get rid of the old one. If 9,000 Butler County residents must pay for the development of a \$30 million landfill, it is no wonder Senator Wesely's uncle can, the former mayor of David City, can run against me and have a major issue, because I don't think those people up there are quite ready for that. I just want to call your attention again, we are now doing that which the federal government has done for years, which has resulted in a \$3 trillion debt, only we are saying, in the words of Pontius Pilate, we wash our hands of the cost. We are going to shove that back to the cities and the counties, the homeowner, and I am surprised Senator Lynch isn't protesting that, because that is where the cost will come from. We are saying you have got to do this, but you figure out where the money is coming from. We are buying it from the feds and we are saying, you folks out there take care of it. We have the counties under restrictions. The cities, many of them, are in a bind. The school districts, of course, are hard-pressed, and we are probably passing on to them the largest single individual new expense that we have passed to them in many, many years. And so I commend, again, Senator Morrissey, and I know that he has done a good job on

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