

than the date mandated by the federal government. Well, the committee changed that to put the date off one year instead of until when mandated by the federal government, because the committee felt that it was a good idea to get this done, and if it took our own rules and regulations to do it, our own way, at some reasonable point in time, that that's what we ought to do, and not wait forever for the federal regulations. So that's all the difference is. It extends, under the committee amendment, the requirement for financial assurance would be extended one year, to April 9, 1996, instead of as in the current green copy of the bill. Senator Day.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Day waives off. Senator Beutler, thank you. Discussion on the committee amendment? Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President, members. I rise in support of the committee amendments, but really to ask Senator Beutler a question. Senator Beutler, the landfill closings that we're talking about, are we...do these at all deal with the unlicensed landfills?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator, this particular provision would not, if I'm...let me think clearly. I think that they mi...let me give you an initial response, I think that they do not.

SENATOR HALL: I think that's accurate, I was just...

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yeah, this deals with those created henceforth and into the future. Those that were created a long time ago that were unlicensed we already are contributing out of the Environmental Trust Fund, you may recall, to assist in paying for the closure of those, and that's exactly what this law is designed to discourage or prevent.

SENATOR HALL: That's where my question runs to, that issue of the fund that's established, the Solid Waste Landfill Closure Fund, or whatever the exact technical name of it is. It comes out of that environmental trust that we set aside a portion of the lottery funds for. One of the things, we had a number of bills in committee, in General Affairs, dealing with redistribution of those funds. And they do fall off or in 1997, I believe. My question is, on those unlicensed landfills, so it's not really related to this bill, I do support Senator Day's measure. But I just, since we're dealing with the issue of landfills, do we know how that is coming with regard to the