

closing and the cleaning up of those landfills, because one of the questions that was raised was that there was a time limit they had to comply with, and this was being met so that the funds would be free and available at some time down the road when they were scheduled to...under federal law we were...it was my belief we were scheduled to have those landfills closed and cleaned up. And I know that you might not have this information directly at hand, but I would be real interested if you could provide that to us, because there were a number of some worthy, some not so worthy projects that wanted to use that money. And I know that the committee had disagreements on their different perspectives with regard to whether or not it was needed or not. If you could provide that information some time in the future, I'd sure it appreciate it. And again, I rise i support of the committee amendments and the bill.

**SPEAKER WITHEM:** Thank you, Senator Hall. Senator Beutler, on the committee amendments.

**SENATOR BEUTLER:** Senator Hall, just to respond. I think it's an extremely timely question. And I have nothing but anecdotal information at the moment. But let me have DEQ get us back a report on just exactly what's happened, what additional projects they think need to be funded. I'm sure that information is critical to your considerations of what to do with portions of the Environmental Trust Fund. So we will get that for you.

**SENATOR HALL:** Thank you.

**SPEAKER WITHEM:** Thank you, Senator Beutler. Further discussion on the committee amendments? Senator Beutler, to close. Closing on the committee amendments, Senator Beutler. Closing is waived. Question is the adoption of committee amendments. All in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

**ASSISTANT CLERK:** 26 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of committee amendments.

**SPEAKER WITHEM:** Committee amendments are adopted. Senator Day, to open on the bill.

**SENATOR DAY:** Mr. Speaker and colleagues, basically the amendment became the bill. This is a very easy bill to understand what it's doing. But I want to take just a minute to explain a little bit about the financial assurance that we talk