

about in this legislation. In the case of solid waste disposal facilities, the Environmental Protection Agency, or the EPA, sets forth financial viability tests and allowable financial mechanisms that can be used to demonstrate financial assurance. The Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality has some authority to approve alternate methods of financial assurance if the EPA approves. Current federal and state regulations require that financial assurance must be provided by April 9, 1995. However, EPA has proposed that this date be delayed until April 9, 1996. The delay is due to the fact that EPA needs more time to further develop regulations, also this will give the states more time to develop state approved mechanisms. This legislation is very important to those entities across the state building new solid waste disposal facilities and I would urge your support. I appreciate Senator Janssen taking this as his priority bill and I'd yield the remainder of my opening to him.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Janssen, you have about eight and a half minutes.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. I'll try not to take up all the eight and a half minutes, but if I keep on my conversation you...my eight and a half minutes probably will be gone. Anyway, LB 668 is my priority because of the importance that is involved...my district, within that is the City of Fremont, who belongs to the coalition, along with Hooper, Winslow, a couple of other towns in Dodge County. The DEQ has issued a temporary permit, it's my understanding, but with the public meetings that will come about, will bring out some of the concerns of the people in the area that the landfill is proposed. At this hearing the DEQ will determine what further action or requirements will be implemented. This could mean more dollars for the opening and closing of this landfill, which we certainly all want to have built in the right way. We don't want any underground contamination of any kind, and I understand if the water level is a little high why then you have to use more bentonite or polyethylene barriers so that this doesn't happen, and the runoff from them have to be constructed in such a way as to not contaminate any surface water that would be within the area. This is not a delay for the coalition. They want to get it rolling as fast as possible, and I understand that because as you know we are now using, in part of Dodge County anyway, we're using the Douglas County landfill, which the metropolitan area of Omaha uses. It's a large facility, but as we know everything has a capacity and certainly