

want to address it, I don't want to steal her thunder, but it is very evident, at least in her situation, that we have a problem with a community saying we are exempt, so why should we have to come to the bargaining table for anything. Now one of the concerns I have with the committee amendment, I have never been completely comfortable with that, is that we have a study that is going on right...or beginning to start right this moment, and that study is going to tell us what we need to do relative to closing, relative to licensing these facilities. I don't know if we necessarily need to repeat that in this particular bill. I guess I've come to the conclusion let's bite the bullet and let's put a date specific in the bill and move on. Now I don't know, one of the concerns the committee had, when we discussed this bill, is the date in the original bill, March 1, 1993, the right date to use. That is about a little over two years. I have an amendment which I've drawn up which backs it up one more year to 1994. That way we have a year, this year in which the study will be done, and then, basically, two more years for the communities to implement what that study tells us if they want to continue to run a licensed operation, or, number two, to take steps to close their facility, which is also being addressed in the study. I guess at this particular point I have come to the conclusion, personally speaking, that I can live without the committee amendments, and that I would like to see the bill come back to its original green copy form and discuss the particular date in the bill, as whether that is the right date, or if there is...they need more lead time. But we are spinning our wheels here, and as the committee amendment has been amended, you, again, reaffirm the two-party system, basically. One, we are going to have landfills that are going to be licensed and, two, under Senator Lamb's amendment, we are saying, yeah, but in this case, we are not going to have licensed facilities. And if I was a hazardous waste hauler, I would find the first unlicensed facility I could find and start hauling my waste there. And that has nothing to do with groundwater, but it might have something to do with soil problems or air problems. So, in my opinion, the time has come in this state's history to bite the bullet and set a date and make sure we have licensed facilities in this state regarding solid waste. I think it is just a matter that this time has come, and when the original Whitney amendment was adopted, I don't think the adoption of that amendment was based upon a concern with the environment. The amendment was adopted because there was concerns of the financial cost to many of the smaller communities. That is really what we are talking about, is dollars. We are not