

the state live with the same date. It will not do that. And the committee amendments do not call for the closure of all private or all unlicensed landfills. They have the option. It says it right there. They shall bring them into compliance, they shall make them right. They shall do the right thing by the water supply, by the people. It doesn't say they will close. They have the option. If it is not licensable, then they are going to have to close it, folks, and that is the reality of the situation we are in today. There are many landfills that will have to close. Some can come into compliance but there are, in reality, many that will have to close. In crafting this amendment, the committee amendments, I brought the parties concerned in and looked for a compromise, not a giveaway. We discussed the fact that the communities were ready. We discussed the fact that we had to send a message. We discussed the fact that it would take the department X amount of time to get these rules and regs in place, and we came up with the committee amendments. We have to send a message. LB 67 sends a message, close the dump, we will give you no direction, no direction for license. We won't let you explore your options. We are just telling you, finally, after all these years, we should have done it before, we are telling you now, close the dump. LB 67, with the committee amendments and the amendment to the committee amendments I am offering now, would tell them that we realize that we have not provided any leadership but you have to understand that it is your dump and it is your responsibility to address the problem. We are going to provide the leadership, advice, technical expertise, but it is still your dump, folks, and you had better take care of it. It is your trash that is going into your dump and you had better take care of it. We are going to do that through the plan, provide them the help they need. We are going to look at all the complicated questions in this. Import of trash, export of trash, we export quite a bit of trash. We have to identify what is going on. It is not easy. And, again, siting and doing a regional study to make these landfills feasible, economically and environmentally, is not easy and you just can't do it overnight. Siting, financing, where are they going to get the money? If you have the answer, then you can be comfortable with it. If you have the answer how it is going to be easily sited, then you can be comfortable with it. LB 67, with the committee amendments, provides them the flexibility to do what is right for their community. It tells them it is your problem, you handle it, we are going to help you. We are going to help you out, but it is your problem. You are going to have to license