

but it is your problem. And they are willing to accept it, folks. They just want some help, some leadership, and a little flexibility, which people argue for on this floor all the time, and that is all the amendment to the amendment and the committee amendments will do. I'd urge you to support it. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Morrissey. Senator Hefner. Senator Hefner waives. Senator Rod Johnson.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Madam President, members, let me first of all say, I do not support the Morrissey amendment because, again, it goes against the line of reasoning that I have that you have got to put a date certain or a date specific in the bill. I would like to make a suggestion as we have been floundering with this bill for a couple of days now. I would like to see the bill, basically, amended with the committee amendments. If you look at the committee amendments, they do two things, and two things that I think are relatively important. The first is that they set a standard or a rules and regs relative to closure and postclosure of facilities. I think that is important. I think they should have some guidelines to follow relative to closing a landfill. I think that is important. Secondly, the other part of the committee amendments says that we are going to ask the communities to begin a plan and give a plan to the DEC as to how they are going to deal with their solid waste issue. I would suggest we adopt the committee amendments and move the bill. What I would like to do on Select File is come back with an amendment that says here is the date certain that the Whitney amendment exemption goes off. That is what I would like to do. I'm convinced you can't bring the parties together without some kind of hammer, if you will, saying we will deal with this issue, and then you have till this time line to address your problem, if you have one. And you have to develop a plan but you also have to know that if it is '93 or '94, whatever date we reason upon, then we will...that is when the exemption for these second class cities and villages comes to an end. And I would like between General and Select File to sit down with Senator Schmit and Senator Lamb and Senator Morrissey and others, who are interested in this issue, and see if there isn't a reasons date that we can reach as opposed to this sort of floundering that we have been going through here for the better part of two days. So that is the compromise I would like to offer, if it is acceptable to some. But as I said, I don't support the Morrissey amendment because I would like to see a date specific in the bill.