

message. LB 67 sends a blunt, brutal message. I've wanted to send the message since I've been here. I haven't been able to figure out exactly how to send it because when you close them what do they do with their trash? Again, are you comfortable that they are ready to dispose of their trash once their facilities are closed? I'm not, even after 15 months of study and my constituents have spent hundreds of thousands of dollars studying this and they're not unhappy with me for what I'm doing right here. They understand what's going on. They realize that you have to treat some of the communities with a degree of flexibility because the reality is we're not all the same. That's what LB 67 does, it sends a message that we've got a problem, folks, it's your problem, it's the community's problem. We're here to help you with information, with methods of financing. We're going to give you direction for closure. I want to make this clear, there are licensing standards there now in effect for the licensed landfills and anyone that wants to be a licensed landfill, that is true. That says that in the bill. But there are not standards for closure. There are guidelines for closure, a couple of paragraphs, cap and close, folks, cap and close, that's what's there. The committee amendments say you must develop regulations, rules and regs, for closure. It allows the department time to do that. It allows us to review what they've done and act on that. It allows everyone time to react to the situation in a proper, well-thought-out manner. If we push them now, they will not be able to consider all of their options. As I said, private ownership is there now willing, ready and able. The question of private ownership of landfills versus public ownership and the implications of importation are very important to this state and your constituents. We need to have a handle on importation. We can never say ban importation because we export too much trash. The natural flows of waste in and out of the state is going to happen and we just have to have a handle on it and that's what we are addressing through the identification of waste streams in the state plan. What has been said about this, that there is no direction, that there is no understanding is completely wrong. They must close or license and we will give them the direction to close, how they can do it, the proper methods and we will give them time to do it on their own site's specific basis. It sends the message we need to send and it's flexible enough for all the communities.

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Talk to your folks. Talk to your people in