

postpone the bill. As introducer, he has the option to lay the bill over, Madam President, consistent with the rules.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, time after time, again, on this floor, we take a well-intentioned bill, a good idea, and we thrash it around and amend it until it loses its original intent. I said once before on this floor that Senator Peterson and I ought to form some kind of a group, but at least Senator Peterson was told up front what was happening to his bill. In the case of LB 67, the bill loses all of its original intent, and I do not care what anyone says otherwise. It was my bill, it was very simple, it was very plain, it was very direct, and everyone understood where we were coming from and where we were going and what the time frame was. As of today, no one can tell you. We can't tell you on this floor. DEC can't tell you. The cities and the counties, who have to handle the problem, cannot tell you. And I don't know, I was not one of those who was lamenting the fact that we had the Whitney amendment for the past 20 years, and when I finally decided that 20 years was probably a sufficient amount of time to give the cities that were involved and villages an opportunity to plan for solid waste disposal, all of a sudden I am told by the League of Municipalities, and I am told by some of my colleagues, we have got to have more time. What is reasonable? I do not know, nor does anyone know, but I can tell you that most of the communities are willing to do something about it, and most of them are taking steps to do something about it. And private industry is doing something about it, but if we allow this Legislature to continually...if we should put out on the floor a number of the bills we heard last week that would put charges and fines and penalties upon those sites which receive solid waste such as have been proposed, ladies and gentlemen, you'd better all be prepared to bury your waste in your backyard. Now if you live in an apartment, that might get to be a little bit of a difficulty. If you start ramming around the county trying to find a place to unload your garbage, don't come to Section 12, 7 Township of Butler County because I will be watching for you. But that is what is going to happen. You are going to have roadside dumping. You are going to have illegal dumping. Every river in this state is going to be a recipient of garbage and waste because that is a good place to go. Drive over the Platte River bridge, throw the waste out. It is going to happen, has happened, will happen. Sandpits will become