

unlicensed landfills or licensing of those landfills. We have got a lot of questions we have to answer yet on financing,...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: ...management, regionalization, and all the other bills that we will be addressing in the next few years on responsible waste management. So we have given them dates by which they have to react. We have not given them one drop-dead date that we will close their landfills. I understand Senator Johnson has amendments that will change the bill in its present form and we can discuss them, but I would urge you now not to kill the bill. We are sending a message. It is a message that has to be sent. Some slight variations in how that message will be sent will be offered, but we need to send the message to the communities that its your responsibility...

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: ...and you had better do it. We are going to help you do it in the manner that is most responsible. I would urge you to not support killing the bill.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Morrissey. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of...Madam President, members of the Legislature, there are a lot of responsible things you can do with this bill, but killing it is not one of them. Killing it is a nonconstructive idea, and I say that in the sense that, recall, we have had this discussion as to whether we should have Senator Schmit's bill, pure and simple, just one flat cutoff date with no system as to how to approach it, or the more flexible system that was embodied in the Standing Committee amendments, and you made the decision last time around that you wanted a more flexible system. Now the question is whether to advance the bill off General File or to kill it. If you kill it, then you have done nothing at all, and we have reverted back to the same old nonaction that this Legislature has indulged in with regard to this issue up till this point in time. So I hope this is not a motion that needs a lot of discussion, but I hope, also, that everybody understands that it is a total going backwards on this particular issue. If after further thought, on Select File, you want to go back to Senator Schmit's strict date, you can do that. We can reargue that on Select File. That is a legitimate policy choice. But a