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Waste Surcharge Bill Defeated

The proposed amendment to impose a state surcharge of \$5 for every ton of solid waste received by a landfill in Virginia has been defeated by the Senate. It was originally defeated on a 17(Y) - 23 (N) vote in the Senate but was brought back up for reconsideration at the request of Sen. John Watkins on a vote of 39 (Y) - 1 (N).

Upon reconsideration, it was determined that the governor's amendment(s) were not specific and it was recommitted to the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources, in effect, carried over until the 2003 session.

It will be in committee until December when the standing committees determine which carried over bills will be considered in the pending session. A significant number of people on both sides of the aisle want something to come out of this measure, but there were too many unforeseen ramifications to the amendment(s) as proposed. The close vote could indicate it will likely be considered.

The committee members are listed below for your convenience. Contact them with your opinion about this matter.

Senate Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources

Hon. Charles R. Hawkins (Chairman), (R) Chatham

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Hon. R. Creigh Deeds, (D) Hot Springs

The following individuals may be contacted to express your opinions relative to this issue, and can be relied upon to carry your message to the appropriate authorities: Jimmy Hazel, **Governor's Office** @ (804) 786-2211, ext. 2331; Mike Schewel, **Labor & Commerce** @ (804) 786-7831; Larry Land, **Virginia Association of Counties** @ (804) 788-6652; Denise Thompson, **Virginia Municipal League** @ (804) 649-8471; Jeff Crate, President **Southwest Virginia Solid Waste Management Association** @ (540) 552-0444; Jeff Smithberger, President **Virginia Chapter – Solid Waste Association of North America** @ (703) 324-5046; Jeff Burrier, Chairman **Virginia Waste Industries Association** @ (804) 848-9277.

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