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SENATOR SIMPSON: Well the reason I'm putting on the motion is cause I don't know what the amendment says.

SENATOR DUIS: Well then I think I'll ask my question of Senator Kremer then please. I need to know about the rules and regulations. Is this what the amendment has to do with is the rules and regulations relative as to whether or not they will exceed or equal that of the federal... Is this the amendment that has to do with rules and regulations?

SENATOR KREMER: Senator Duis, this Schmit amendment has nothing to do with 821. LB 821 was used as a vehicle that would provide some kind of housekeeping legislation as it applied to the Environmental Control Commission dealing with the Clean Water Act. I understand it has something to do with septic tanks. Now that's all I know. I wish I knew more but I don't.

SENATOR DUIS: I wish somebody knew more about it then what we know about it because I'm concerned. You can well imagine because of my Chairmanship of the Rules ... Administrative Rules and Regulations Committee. It seems to me during the debate this morning that I heard something about the advisability of the rules and regulations not being in excess or equal to that of the federal. Now can you enlighten me on this. I think this might be something that I need to know.

SENATOR KREMER: To further answer your question this is why I think we should take it all, then we'll all be clean.

SENATOR DUIS: Alright, in other words there will be no rules and regulations at all in 821 as far as environmental control is concerned. I didn't hear your answer.

SENATOR KREMER: Not as it applies to 821. The amendment ... no.

SENATOR DUIS: Fine, thank you. There will be no rules and regulations applicable to the Safe Water Drinking Act as far as 821 is concerned.

SENATOR KREMER: Coming out of Environmental Control Commission, no.

SENATOR DUIS: Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator DeCamp, did you want to....

SENATOR DeCAMP: I would support striking the Schmit amendment. I went up and read it. I can see three things in it. It's 20 pages but almost all of it resites the existing act. One changes the word "federal" from a small letter to a capital letter. Big change there. One changes the numbers to comply with the ... correct the numbers in the Statute to comply with federal numbers because of subsequent amendments to federal statutes. Another part clarifies. If they said they can get along fine without it let them go without it. Pull it off. But the bill itself is a disaster.

PRESIDENT: Senator Savage.