

March 7, 1973

SPEAKER: Senator Kelly, then Senator Keyes.

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. President and members of the body, I would support 194 and on the bases that the 3 mile limit around cities, the people have to conform to rules and regulations that are made by people that they do not have an opportunity to vote for. I think that it should properly be controlled by the counties and not by the cities. This is a serious problem around our community and I am sure it is around others. The advancement of 194 would start setting a precedent whereby the county would control the areas that the people vote for the County Commissioners and the city would control the areas that the people vote for the City Council members. I think that it's a good division. I think it ought to be advanced.

SPEAKER: The chair next recognizes Senator Keyes.

SENATOR KEYES: Mr. President, I haven't talked at all this week, but this is something that is very important. I'm supporting Senator Syas and I'm surprised that Senator Schmit does not stay on the floor of the Legislature more so we could ask him a question about his conversation with Mr. Stueve, but I do believe that we have no right to allow a city to have air pollution control over the surrounding area that is zoned by that. I think that the county should instigate a set of rules and regulations that conform to the state and enforce the state regulations which are nothing more than federal regulations. So, I certainly support Senator Syas. I hope that it comes out on the floor and we get it across and solve this once and for all who is in control of burning in the city, in the county, in the state, and who is the one that we should go to, who is the local person to go to. I can't see one of my farmers going to the city of Omaha. I can't see one of the farmers coming to Lincoln, but I certainly can see them going to my County Commissioners and getting their permit and acting within the jurisdiction of our county.

CLERK: Motion on the desk, Mr. President.

SPEAKER: Read the motion on the desk.

CLERK: Motion read.

SPEAKER: The chair recognizes Senator Barnett.

SENATOR BARNETT: Mr. President and members of the body, I think we have had quite a bit of discussion on this bill. I noticed in the testimony that it was before the Agriculture Committee, that there was quite a bit of opposition. There was only about one or two people that supported the bill. Even the introducer admits that you'd better look it over. I think there has been enough debate on the bill and, therefore, I move to indefinitely postpone it.

SPEAKER: The chair recognizes Senator Syas.

SENATOR SYAS: Still..I think it still has a lot of merit. The only thing I said today was that there are a few things that have changed and I wanted you to look it over real carefully. But I think the most worst thing you could do... I don't mind delaying the bill, but I think the worst thing you could do is to kill the bill today because then you are not going to get anything done. Now, I'm taking in this bill the powers away from cities in the state of Nebraska and putting it that outside their jurisdiction that I don't think in this particular case they had any right to have. I don't see why the city of Omaha or the city

(End of Belt #7)