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the Federal Government has told us we have to do. Now we may not like it. As an illustration, we're now considering bills in some areas, we're anticipating what the Federal Government's going to do and because we anticipate what they want to do, we want to write laws now to bring the laws up to a point, we don't even know that the Federal Government's going to do it. On the other hand, the Federal Government has written these laws and rules and regulations are out, they're difficult and--but on the other hand I, I think we ought to be realistic and if we don't adopt this amendment, I don't think we're going to do any good, for example, in the bill as a whole. I don't see how this body even though it might be hired as ours to do it, can say to the Federal Government, because that's where we get our authority, basically from the Federal Government, just like the City gets it from this Legislature, they may do it for a while but they won't do it for long and why ask for a lot of trouble. This thing is a live issue throughout this country and this State and the only complaint I've heard about it from a lot of people who have a disinterest in the matter as to its application. Why don't you do something about it? Why don't they do something about it? Why don't they do something--well, the reason we don't, we got too many loopholes in the law and they're not there by accident, in order to preclude us from doing actually what we ought to do. Environment's something that's not going to go away. It's here for a long, long time and it's going to take a tremendous amount of money and effort in order to do ultimately what everybody, I think agrees, sooner or later is going to have to be done. I move for the adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: We now have before the body the Carpenter amendment to L.B. 254. Senator Schmit, then Senator Keyes.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well, before we proceed on that, I'd like to at this time call attention to the fact that this is Senator Mahoney's birthday and I think we ought to give him a round of applause. I didn't really care whether you applauded or not, but I needed some time to think of what I was going to say on Senator Carpenter's amendment.

PRESIDENT: Well, Senator Schmit, would you yield the floor to the Chair for just a moment or two?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Yes I would.

PRESIDENT: All right. Thank you. We have 55 twelfth grade students

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