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what I was going to say on Senator Carpenter's amendment.

PRESIDENT: Well, Senator Schmit will you yield the floor to the Chair for just a moment too.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Yes, I would.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, we have 55 twelfth grade students from North Bend Consolidated School #95, from your district and Senator Johnson's district, and they are seated in the north balcony, I believe, their instructor is Mrs. Judy Schauer and also, Mr. Steve Mylander, and then seated in the south balcony from Senator Fred Carstens district, we are sorry he is absent today, we have 52 sixth grade students from Central School in Fairbury, their instructor is Mrs. Opel Sturm and Mrs. Erna Martens, and we are delighted to have you here today, and we welcome you all to the Nebraska Unicameral chamber. There they are, the ones from Fairbury, alright we hope you enjoy your visit to the Capitol City and that you enjoy the debate this morning on the Pollution Bill involving 254. Now Senator Schmit back to you.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Very well, first of all I'd like to say that I think there must be a provision in the present regulations that do just about what Senator Carpenter says, this department cannot have probably got rules and regulations less stringent than the Federal Government, unless they go to the environmental protection agency for a certificate of exemption, so, I really have no objection to the Carpenter amendment, I may have later on, if I find that it puts a clamp on something that I hadn't anticipated, but that won't be the first time this happened. I'm a little bit embarrassed because I find so many guys supporting me on this bill who fought me in the past, so I'm wondering if I am right or not, but that's happened before also, so I really wouldn't oppose Senator Carpenter's amendment.

PRESIDENT: Okay, Senator Keyes, we are still speaking on the Carpenter amendment 254.

SENATOR KEYES: Mr. President I'd like to ask Senator Carpenter if this means that the rules and regulations that will be set down by the state of Nebraska will have to be as stringent as those that are for Sarpy County and then the second part of the question I want you to answer Senator Carpenter, what is going to happen in a town like Lexington or other towns where these alfalfa dehydrating plants are polluting the air and there is no control over them at present, what will this do to them, your amendment?

SENATOR CARPENTER: Well I presume if they are in conflict with Federal rules and regular law, they will give them some time to correct it or shut them down. That's the only reason for the environmental program as a whole, to accomplish something over a reasonable period of time. You give people a time and an effort after notification to correct what the obseance of the environment are. In answer to, all this amendment does insofar as I'm concerned it just says that in no case can our environmental council do anything less than the Federal Government requires as a minimum.

SENATOR KEYES: And that takes in Sarpy and Douglas County then, it will be that stringent, up to that much.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Well I'd be willing to take Sarpy out in Douglas County but I don't see how you can do it.

SENATOR KEYES: Well we can get Sarpy, Federal Government considers us in with Douglas County and we have that great big