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This is the biggest problem we have. I know of an instance out in the state where a person moved into the country and closed up a feed lot, but he just loved those steaks, and it was pretty hard to get them without the feed lot, now I have no objection to removing the Wyoming clause except I feel a little bit like Senator Carpenter, and the rest of them, let's don't have any less standards and let's don't shift this thing around, now I think we had a hundred and some applications in one time for inspections for controls and believe it or not, we couldn't get the inspections made, we got some problems with the commission and with the environmental control commission where I don't think they've even got personnel to do this with and of course, I'm sure we will get complaints of pollution regardless of what we do, we are going to get some, but let me tell you something about the good Dawson County, that's the finest air in the world, that's the greatest place in the state of Nebraska, and also in the nation. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Keyes.

SENATOR KEYES: Yes I just wanted to tell my good friend from Dawsonburg that I have worked fifteen years in the big smell, the packing houses, in south Omaha, and I'm tickled to death with their four or five dollars an hour, I wouldn't want them closed down, I hope that the Wyoming Clause can do as much for you as it is doing for Nebraska, and we want to have this clause, we need it in here, and we need the protect this state of ours, and we need to let factories come in and know where they stand, so let's go ahead and vote with this thing and get it across. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Nore, we have before the body, Senator Carpenter's amendment to LB 254. Senator Nore, did you wish to be recognized? Any further discussion then of Senator Carpenter's motion? Well the question is then, shall the Carpenter, I don't see Senator Carpenter. Read the Carpenter amendment then.

CLERK: Carpenter amendment read.

PRESIDENT: That's the motion before the house, all those in favor of the motion will vote aye, all those opposed will vote no. You are voting on the adoption of the Carpenter amendment to LB 254. Voting on the Carpenter amendment to 254, have you all voted? The Clerk will record.

CLERK: 24 ayes, 4 nays, 21 not voting.

PRESIDENT: Okay, the Carpenter amendment is adopted, now to 254, Senator Schmit, we are back to you. 254 as amended.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, and members of the legislature, there has been a lot discussion this morning, I didn't think it would generate that much interest and I'm sure that all of us have questions and concerns and we will continue to have in regard to the activities of the department of environmental control. I really believe that they have made a sincere effort to operate, to operate effectively and to do the job which the legislature vested upon them. I agree with Senator Duis that those areas in which we have a particular interest and he has one in Dawson County in regard to the alfalfa mills, that alfalfa dust just gives your lungs something to get a hold of if you are involved in it. The same thing holds true with those of us who operate feed lots, we don't object to a little dust in the feed lots, and the odor. I just think that the time comes and we have to recognize that the Federal Government is going to waive a mighty big stick over us on this thing and we should give the department of environmental control as much leeway as possible and I think Senator Snyder has pointed out