

and we rather prefer to run our own show and therefore these amendments were necessary. There are some very technical amendments, because for instance the Federal Water Pollution Control Act amendment now is the Clean Water Act. These are strictly technical in nature. One important aspect in the bill, which a lot of organizations in Nebraska wanted is that it now changes over from a strictly criminal procedure on fines to civil law procedure, if at all possible. It provides for the possibility, and I...these nonattainment areas would only be Omaha and Lincoln, if there should be a clean air problem in either the Omaha or Lincoln area that we have the proper laws on the books to know how to deal with that particular situation. We do not need those amended sections of the law at this time, but again we have to show the federal EPA that we are prepared to meet any situation should it arise. That is the reason why the motor vehicle inspection, for instance, was put in there. As previously, explained the Ag Committee insisted that a specific fee of not more than \$5.00 should be included.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Venditte, do you wish to be recognized?

SENATOR VENDITTE: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, a question of Senator George. Senator, if industry or something is in violation of what we might call air quality guidelines, under the federal act here as far as the EPA is concerned, would they not shut...would they have the authority to shut them down, or would they give them a variance and allow them to continue with the understanding that they're going to correct the problem within a certain period of time? And I think at the same time realizing that the quality of health within that area is being...certainly has its...will have its impact.

SENATOR GEORGE: Yes, Senator Venditte, I guess that would be addressed in the bill starting at the bottom of Page 19...failure to report emission data, failure to obtain a permit, or pay any required fee, violation of an air pollution permit or any permit condition, and so on. There was...the...the...guilty of a misdemeanor and shall upon conviction thereof be punished by a fine of not more than \$5,000.00, that was amended by the Committee to not more than \$100.00. Senator Venditte...

SENATOR VENDITTE: Well, I say that Senator George simply because I know of industries in the city of Omaha that have violated air quality guidelines. We have called...