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but Senator Nichol wants to talk so I will not call for the question.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, just a second. I noticed the amendments in the Journal printed in yesterday's Journal that show and I certainly would want to draw the attention of the body to those amendments which are, in my opinion, completely alien to this bill. That is all I want to say.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I placed an amendment on the desk, probably not properly written, but the effect of it is to exclude villages which have electrical system that they at least make the collections from the act and again as I indicated it came about because of visiting with some of my small towns. All the amendment does is it is probably not written correctly technically, Senator Simon. What it does, it excludes villages. That is all and my concern as I expressed earlier, is that where there are procedures to be followed by law, these guys, you know, they can easily not do it.

SPEAKER MARVEL: I'm sorry but we have to have a certain amount of... Senator Simon, will you please cooperate with the Chair? Proceed, Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, the effect of what I was trying to offer, I have indicated perhaps it is not technically written, well I know it is not technically written correctly but it would exclude small villages from the provision of the act and the rationale is two. First when you talk about these smaller towns they know the hardship problems as well as can possibly be known, the kind of improper cutoff that the bill is addressing is not a problem in those communities and, secondly, what they do have problems with are some just slow payers or intentionally nonpayer which in order to collect they have to sometimes shut off and if they have to be sure to go through all these procedures every month which is sometimes the case, they are going to have...that is why I referred to the attorney fees to make sure they are following everything and I mentioned also because that was part of our discussion last night of their problems of complying with all the things they have to comply with