

ask those people who are having to contend on a twenty-four hour a day, seven day a week basis with that operation, they will tell you these things, ladies and gentlemen, number one, I'll take you some place right there on the bale fill site itself where someone pulled a rat....a rat out of their car. I can find a handful of people living within the bale fill site who have pulled rats out of their stools. Incredible. I am not blowing smoke, ladies and gentlemen. I have talked to these people firsthand. They have some legitimate concerns. These people who are living within this bale fill site, their back yards are in the bale fill site itself. Why hasn't the city taken them? They don't need to take them. They are not within the baling operation site itself. Yes, this is happening in the twentieth century. Hard to believe. Come to find out yesterday, ladies and gentlemen, the rat population in the City of Omaha is three times greater than the number of people there, which means that we have almost two million rats in the City of Omaha. I would bet that seventy-five percent of those rats are probably within the baling area. Well, what can we do now? What can we do? We have called city officials and they say we are exaggerating, there is no way that these conditions exist. I have a nose, I have eyes, I have ears. I have feelings. I don't live near the baling site itself, but there are people who I have talked to who live there. These are the problems that they're having. Ladies and gentlemen of the Legislature, the conditions in that area are subhuman. What can we do at this point in time? Well, the only thing that we can do at this point in time is to take the matter to court, and that very matter is being worked on at this point in time, and I am convinced that any court of competent jurisdiction knowing that these problems exist and seeing firsthand for themselves that these problems exist would effectively immediately shut the baling operation down. Well, I just want to very briefly identify the amendment. It's a very simple amendment to understand and it just simply says this, that any person who lives within two hundred yards of a baling.... of a bale fill site would be relocated. That's primarily what the amendment does. Personally, I would rather not see any baling operation, any bale fill site operation with... where people live. I don't think anyone should have to contend with anyone else's garbage, but right now in the middle of a residential area where thousands of people live within about two blocks of the baling site we have the huge collection of garbage, and what is garbage? Well, I think we all know what garbage is. Coming in to one area in the City of Omaha there is smell and people smell this twenty-four hours a day. The Ag and Environment Committee went down