

into the baling site last year at my request. We took the better part of half a day, and many of the members of the Ag and Environment Committee saw firsthand what this particular operation did on a day to day basis. I was there within the last five days on a day to day basis. I saw dust so thick that I could barely breathe, and why was the dust there? Well obviously we haven't had much rain for several weeks, and why was the rain there...well, because of the heavy construction equipment, so big and so many that it's hard to believe that people...that people would not feel the effects of such an operation. One gentleman showed us a coffee cup on his table and the coffee cup slid across his table while the trucks and heavy construction equipment were in operation. A lady saw two rats in her kitchen at one time. And you ask these people, have there been fleas and flies and mosquitos and rats there before? No, they have not. The State EPA came in yesterday and said that they would compare this site to any in the country. Well, ladies and gentlemen, the State EPA nor the city officials live there. They don't live within the parameters of the bale fill site. I don't think any human being and I don't think you think any human being should be subjected to this kind of environment. The quality of health certainly is in question at this point in time. So I would ask you to support the amendment and then advance the bill.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The issue before the House is the motion by Senator Venditte to bring the bill back for a specific amendment. The Chair recognizes Senator Schmit. Senator Schmit, do you wish to speak on the Venditte motion to bring the bill back for a specific amendment?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I certainly want to help Senator Venditte if there is any way that it can be done. I do wish that we had had the chance to visit earlier about this. This reminds me of a bill that the late Senator Moylan had once all the way over to the Governor's office, and it was called back and he said it should have been printed on different kind of paper because the thing never served any useful purpose. It was eventually killed. And I think that this bill here is going to find itself in the same situation if we are not careful. The bill is a necessary bill, and certainly, Senator Venditte, I will support your motion to return the bill. Hopefully you have the amendment that we can incorporate into the bill that will be of service. I share your concern with the solid waste disposal site in Omaha. I also know that there is a distinct amount of interest in solid