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that would fall into the category of within six hundred feet...that's two hundred yards, six hundred feet of a bale fill site? How many houses would fall into that category in the City of Omaha?

SENATOR VENDITTE: Well, Senator Goodrich, I can't give you a specific number, but I think I could come within a reasonable number of homes that might be involved.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Okay, now the idea, and don't get me wrong, everybody sympathizes with you for the problem that you have, but it's the approach you're taking that's causing the concern. The amendment that you're offering, you're proposing to bring this bill back to offer, obviously you have not done very much research yourself to be in a position to tell us just how many houses we're going to affect, how much is it going to cost, who's going to pay that cost, and how are we going to solve the relocation problems and that sort of thing. What I'm suggesting to you is that you're going to add something to this particular bill that will make the bill contain a subject that has not had a public hearing in this particular session. The City of Omaha has not had a chance to respond to work out a solution to whatever this is. You have not brought us very much in the way of information other than the fact that there is a problem, which we all recognize, and you're right. There is a problem, but I'm going to suggest to you that this particular amendment is improperly drafted insofar as you're saying that no house shall be located within two hundred yards. Okay, now any house that's in there, you've got two choices, you either move the house or you move the bale fill. Now, moving the bale fill is a multimillion dollar project. If you're going to move these houses, we ought to know how many we're going to have to move, how we're going to get the money, where we're going to get it, and that sort of thing. I'm suggesting to you that we're not going about it right in the form of your amendment. I'm suggesting also that if you want to bring this...a solution such as this to the Legislature, let's do it right, not in the form that you're doing it here. I strongly urge the members of the body not to return the bill for this particular amendment. Let's actually have Senator Venditte draft separate legislation. We'll even suspend the rules and introduce it. I'll vote for it. But it's just...process the darn thing like any other bill should be processed and then we know what we're doing when we pass it. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Senator who?