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SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, and Senator Venditte who I love like a brother, I think that you should give a second look to what you're doing. I know you have noble motives. I know you're concerned about your bale fill, but I would submit that your little amendment there may be a multi, multi, multimillion dollar proposition. Now I would offer an alternate solution. If you will recall, Patrick, when we passed the legislation relating to that particular dump, whatever you call it, I wrote in there some special provisions that you could utilize to force them to straighten it out. Are you listening, Patrick? The provisions are in the existing law, but you're going to have to climb on your City Prosecutor. Maybe instead of chasing bookies he can chase rats for a while...the four-legged kind. You're going to have to get on your public officials in Omaha. You're going to have to contact Mr. Stuve and tell him he has more concerns than merely the Omaha sales tax, and force them to straighten it out. The provisions are in the existing law. They have not been utilized. You can climb on Dan Drain the head of EPA and tell him, you know, you can get an amendment like this unless you straighten her out. I repeat one final time, we wrote into that existing law enough provisions so that you citizens can go to the courts, can go to the public officials, and can raise holy blazes until you get it straightened out. So I'd recommend you pull the amendment off at this time. You contact them. If they don't respond in the next forty-eight hours, you come down and you tell the Ag and Environment Committee, Senator Schmit, Senator Haberman, myself, Senator Lamb, and you say, hey fellas, they're not following the law, what do I do? We'll then take the ball from there if they won't respond. Does that make some sense? Would you withdraw the amendment then until you can....I think they'll get the message by noon today that you're serious about this. Patrick, would you withdraw the amendment then?

SPEAKER MARVEL: Do you want to respond to the question, Senator Venditte?

SENATOR VENDITTE: Saint John, I think it's rather obvious that we all have....we realize that there is a problem existing within that area, and I just spoke with Senator Schmit but a few moments ago, and what I would like Senator Schmit to do is to come down with me some time within the next two days and I would like to show Senator Schmit what