

people are having to live with who are on the pinnacle of the bale fill site. What I would like to see happen is at least the law provide that those people be evacuated. If you don't want to...and I think once Senator Schmit and other members who want to come down see the situation firsthand, I think we would be then in a better position to determine how many feet should be on the parameter of the bale fill site in terms of numbers of homes that should be evacuated.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Okay, let me....

SPEAKER MARVEL: You have one minute, Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Okay, let me just point out, Patrick, I'm sure everybody recognizes it's a problem. A similar, not identical situation existed in New York with chemicals buried near houses and they had a detrimental effect. I think the State of New York finally ended up spending something like either sixty-four or two hundred sixty-four million dollars buying up the houses, moving the people. Now if we get down to something like that, fine, but before we put an amendment on this this way, I think we'd better check this out. Push that existing law. It's there, and you can make these officials who have been ignoring you knuckle down and follow it, and the rest of us in here are going to help you. So why don't you withdraw the amendment?

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator DeCamp, your time is up. We now go to Senator Frank Lewis.

SENATOR LEWIS: Mr. Chairman, two things. First of all, Senator Fowler certainly violated the rules to the Legislature by bringing another issue up in terms of this debate and I certainly never would be guilty of doing something along that line. But to the issue at hand, Senator Venditte I would think that you've got the attention of the membership now in terms of that problem that's in your district and just north of mine, but I would suspect and I certainly don't want to mess up Senator Schmit with what you're doing in terms of this bill and the other substance of it, but I would suspect that there can be a solution in forty-eight hours, and what I would think you ought to do is just simply bring this bill back and just leave it on Select, maybe not put any amendments on it today, see if there is the response, and if there is then move the bill back and pass it. This is a vehicle that Senator Venditte needs to accomplish the objective, and I know what some people are going to try to do. They're going to look at that nineteen days and say,