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Missouri River. That was probably the simplest but we can't do that anymore. So I guess what I am saying is that unless there is some new technology that we don't know anything about yet the sewage plants are going to have to be within distance of somebody. Even if you pipe them out of town you are going to have a smell for somebody. So I guess my idea now would be that it should not be added to this bill and if we want to talk about it, let's talk about it as an issue by itself.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Goodrich.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Mr. President, members of the body, I am going to have to reluctantly rise in opposition to Senator Venditte's amendment and Senator Lamb is exactly right. There is controversy to this particular amendment, not only from some of the officials of the City of Omaha but I am going to make it controversial right now. I'm sorry about that, Senator Venditte, but I have got to do it. What Senator Venditte's amendment does is it declares waste disposal sites as a nuisance. That means that they then can be closed down, regardless of whether you have a replacement facility somewhere else, regardless of whether you have any way of disposing of it or not. You just close down the facilities that you have spent hundreds of thousands of dollars to build. Now 878 that was referred to as Senator Venditte's bill is even different than what he is doing now in that Section 2 of 878 says that after the effective date of this act, no paunch manure plants or disposal sites shall be located in residential areas. That is fine if you take that kind of an approach where you say after the effective date of this act no new ones shall be within so many feet of a residential area. That gives the city fair warning not to plan any, not to spend hundreds of thousands, millions of dollars building these things as long as they are within x feet of a residential area. Now coming right after this particular amendment is another amendment that is being offered by Senator Labeledz which is, in essence, Section 2 of 878 and that is a reasonable approach to this thing. I am asking you, for example, not to close down the facilities that are dependent upon by 350, 400 thousand people in the Omaha, Douglas-Sarpy County area just overnight by declaring them a nuisance. Let's turn this particular amendment down and then adopt the next one that will be proposed by Senator Labeledz. It takes a reasonable approach. It says, after the effective of this act, let's don't build any new ones within thirty-three hundred feet or some feet like that, some figure like that, of a residential area. That we can live with. This one we cannot live with. Thank you. I ask you to reject this