

front of your committee basically. You heard the question I asked Senator DeCamp. You voted to advance this bill. What convinced you that they are in fact doing a good job with this \$600,000 a year?

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Well, Senator Rupp, currently I think 18 communities have been presented these grants for the purpose of community betterment and clean up. I can't give you specific details, the counts of how the money has been spent other than I think that it...based on the testimony presented to the committee by the Department of Environmental Control they plan, if this bill does pass, to continue to keep the program going and I assume provide grants to other communities in the State of Nebraska for the purpose of community betterment and cleanup.

SENATOR RUPP: Well I guess in fairness, Senator DeCamp, I'll allow...my amendment is to the committee amendments, Senator DeCamp, if you'd like to speak to this and explain the bill a little bit, what was brought to you, and I'll not try to talk the bill to death. Obviously it would be easy with 30 minutes, but I won't do that. I remain unconvinced because we're talking an awful lot of money here in this program, \$600,000 worth and I'd like a few more answers before we go and extend this thing to 1992.

PRESIDENT: You're keeping your amendments on, Senator?

SENATOR RUPP: Yes, my amendment to the committee amendment simply strikes the extension of the sunset. As the bill reads to 1992, my amendment would change that to 1985, October of 1985.

PRESIDENT: Very well. Is there further discussion on the Rupp amendment to the committee amendments? Who wishes to speak on the Rupp amendment to the committee amendment? Senator Labedz, are you wanting to speak on this measure? Senator Marsh, are you wishing to speak on the Rupp amendment? Go ahead, Senator.

SENATOR MARSH: Yes, thank you. I rise to oppose the Rupp amendment. We have a process that has improved things in the State of Nebraska. We need an extension and to not only not extend it to its normal sunset time, but to shorten that time for this year is not being realistic at all. I highly oppose it and I hope the rest of the Legislature is