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So, I just want to point that out before you vote on the bill that the situation has been moderated some. I still would rather give this control to the county and let the county have it, but it isn't quite the same as when I first introduced the bill. I think that the County Board, the people in the three mile limit do elect the City Council and the Mayor. They do not. Now, I think that is all I have to say about the bill, but I think when the Wyoming clause is repealed which I think it obviously will be this session, all of you...all of your cities are going to probably make ordinances unless we put their pollution control under the state of Nebraska totally which I have another bill in here to do, but I don't...I'm not optimistic about the chances of that bill. So, I think all of your little towns are going to be faced with a local ordinances to control air pollution and, of course, when you do that as the legislation is now, your towns will control air pollution in a certain amount of limit..limits of mileage, as I said. Now if this bill goes through and your towns do make an ordinance to control air pollution, they can only do it in the confines of their city limits and if it comes to pass that the county makes ordinances, the county will take care of their ordinance everything outside of city limits of any city in the state of Nebraska. This is not an Omaha bill. I think I presented it fairly. I think I've...I don't...I have put everything out in front of you that's possible to put out in front of you that I can see right now.

SPEAKER: Any further discussion of the bill? Senator Whitney.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Would my good friend, Senator Syas, yield to a question?

SPEAKER: Senator Syas, will you yield to a question?

SENATOR WHITNEY: Who would enforce outside the city limits then under the bill? Who would do the enforcing?

SENATOR SYAS: The counties, if they had a County Control Board. I mean, if the counties went into it which I believe.. now, Senator Schmit. I wish Senator Schmit, that someone would find him because I think that there is a question I can't answer and maybe he can and that is this. In Douglas county, the County Board is going to go into this realm of endeavor. I think the state is going to require all counties that do in it...to go into it, but I'd rather have you ask that question for sure to Senator Schmit. I mean, about other counties. I think you are all going to have to do it, but I don't want to stand up here and tell you definitely you are going to in each county have to do this because I really don't...that's a question I can't answer, for sure.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Well, I would be very happy to...

SENATOR SYAS: I think all the cities are going to have...are going to ask for a city ordinance, but how many counties will be forced into...into doing this like Douglas county...I understand was after the Wyoming clause repealed, I can't answer that for you. I need Senator Schmit to answer that one for you.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Well, I am very happy to have the county do it, but I just would like possibly that maybe an amendment be put on to make it necessary that the counties did do it.

SENATOR SYAS: That's all right with me. Only as I said, I would like to have you ask that question of Senator Schmit.

SENATOR WHITNEY: He's not here at the moment.