

SPEAKER: We're debating the Whitney amendment to the Barnett motion and the amendment. Are you all through discussing the Whitney amendment? Senator Syas.

SENATOR SYAS: I want to say something about the amendment. My purpose and I want, I hope everybody listens because it affects your town; any way you vote on this thing is the bill. When I come up with this bill I wasn't thinking of just Omaha alone. I'm looking down the road at all of your cities probably are going to ask for to be exempted from the air pollution controls of the State and when they do that they have control of a surrounding area. It varies. In Omaha it's 3 miles, I don't recall exactly what it is in Lancaster County. I, do you know, Senator Luedtke, is it 2 miles or what is it? Three, all right. In a first class city I think it's 2 and I think in a second class city it's a half mile is it, one? Now, here's the whole key to the whole thing. This bill does nothing other than this. It does this; it takes control away from any city of air pollution outside its confines of its boundary. It's as simple as that. If you, if you people from outstate wish to give the cities in your area the right to regulate the farmers outside your City of Omaha, I mean outside your city, you should vote for the Whitney-Barnett amendment. If you believe that the cities shouldn't have control of that mileage outside a city, you should vote against the Whitney amendment. It's as simple as that. Now take your vote. If this comes back and you put it in, I'll move to kill the bill because I, my thinking was not for Omaha alone.

SPEAKER: Now, then is there any further discussion? Is there any further discussion of the Whitney amendment? Senator Barnett.

SENATOR BARNETT: Mr. President and Members of the body. The amendment's got a little farther and gone a little farther than I was expecting but I would certainly support it on the same basis. The basis of this thing is that if you had a city limit that's bounded by a street, the people on one side of the street would have to adhere to regulations set forth by an air pollution control council and the people on the opposite side could do as they pleased regardless of where or what would happen with the air pollution. I'd like to make it perfectly clear to Senator Syas; he made a good argument for what we're trying to do because both the City of Lincoln and Lancaster County officials oppose the bill; to show you that our City and County is agreeing on an issue within this county. I don't think it's fair to the people inside the city limits and I think, Senator Syas, that down deep in your heart you don't either.

SPEAKER: Chair recognizes Senator Simpson.

SENATOR SIMPSON: Mr. President and Members of the Legislature. I heard the best news on this bill a minute ago I've ever heard, that Senator Syas would move to kill it if we got this amendment on it. That ought to be enough incentive to put the amendment on, I would say. I think that it's necessary that Lincoln at least, be out of this bill. We want control within the 3 mile limit on air pollution as we do on everything else. We don't want nuisances immediately against the city and that's what the buffer zone is for. We can go to a county-wide situation then we would look at it differently, but I think right now we should put it on so we could help him kill it.

SPEAKER: Is there any further discussion of the Whitney amendment to the Barnett motion? Senator Syas. I would remind you, Senator Syas, that this is the second time you have spoken.

SENATOR SYAS: All right. I just want to say, I just want to say again, I want to say one little thing that probably; this represents though, this debate on select file, exactly why I have a rule change in here so that you can have some maneuverability-