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and villages out several years ago. They have been out and I see, as long as we have had good voluntary cooperation, I see no need to place them under the mandatory provisions of the bill.

SENATOR MARSH: Thank you, Senator Schmit. It seems to me, ladies and gentlemen, that we need to be concerned with clean air all across the State of Nebraska regardless of the size of the community. I think we have not had a problem as Senator Schmit said, therefore I do not see the reason or the need for this amendment. We are concerned. We will need to be more concerned as the years go past. I think that we are aware of problems in some other areas of our country which has heightened our own awareness. This seems to be a step backwards rather than a step forward.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kennedy.

SENATOR KENNEDY: Mr. Speaker and fellow members, just very brief, I would like to say one of our problems in the rural area. We have cooperated. We rebuilt our, what we call our city dumps in the rural small areas and we have split the trash and the parts that we have to cover with a bulldozer. The problem as many of you know, where you have heavy population you can cover every twenty-four hours because you have enough volume. Out there maybe we will have a pickup load, maybe we will have three half pickup loads dumped in a small dump. We cannot cover it and so our provisions are different. The feds in Kansas City have agreed. We have had this working real fine. I don't know why we should have to put them under the same obligations as the large cities. That is our problem and we have been cooperating. Everybody has been getting along fine but to add this overload to the small communities, they will probably have to haul their trash to a larger dump where it might be forty, fifty miles, depending upon the county, into a central area to have it covered every twenty four hours. This is the problem. We are different here in Nebraska than they are where they are heavily populated so the small communities have been operating and the federal people that come up and visited with us, I know when I have been chairman of the Public Health and Welfare, agreed what we are doing does satisfy them. So I don't see why we should have this restriction put on. I would urge you certainly to take this amendment off that has been put on. I think we have had a good job. The people have done a great thing out in the small communities. So I know it is tough in