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a county, isn't it?

SENATOR SCHROCK: In a county or a city, and there's...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Don't they have the re...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...don't they have the responsibility to take care of nuisances and dangers to the public?

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Time. Senator Preister.

SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you, Honorable President. I rise in opposition to the amendment. It's similar to what had been a bill and a concept that the city of Omaha was attempting to do as well, and I didn't think it was right that the city of Omaha attempted to use environmental funds to address some of the environmental contamination in buildings in Omaha. I think the...that the Litter Reduction and Recycling Act was designed to deal with recycling and litter reduction. I don't think that old buildings are going to necessarily be recycled, and old barns or farm buildings do have a lot of value. People put a lot of value on all that wood and would recycle and reuse those. These aren't necessarily in the same vein of recycling. They do need to be cleaned up. They can be a problem, I don't question that, but I don't think that this fund is the appropriate place to use the money to be able to do that. I'm not real certain when the Department of Environmental Quality seems to say that they have additional funds that can be used. When we have such great demand across the state to use these dollars that we have in various aspects for recycling and litter reduction particularly, that they are saying in this category they have excess funds. I really don't understand that. We have much more demand. When the grant requests on all of these funds come in there inevitably seems to be more requests than they're able to fulfill. I support the bill, but this amendment I think to allow such a broad use of these funds, which I don't believe was the original intention, I can't support and do stand in strong opposition against. Thank you.