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consent to withdraw my amendment.

PRESIDENT: All right, the motion is withdrawn and we will go to the next amendment.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Labeledz moves to amend the bill. (Read Labeledz amendment as found on page 1044 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Labeledz.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. President. My amendment to LB 853 is somewhat different than Senator Venditte's. It says, "after the effective date of this act, no person shall establish a paunch manure, rendering or sewage treatment plant or facility, or an area where refuse, garbage, or rubbish is disposed of ..." You have a copy of it. I won't read it all because the time is valuable. The amendment which I would like to attach to LB 853 would simply provide that rendering plants would not be allowed to be constructed closer than thirty-three hundred feet from any residential dwelling. Now I want to emphasize the fact that we already have four rendering plants within the vicinity. This does not eliminate or force them to close. It just simply states that in the future there will be no rendering plant built or operated within thirty-three hundred feet from any residential dwelling. The circumstances which have prompted this amendment covers a great public discontent that we have now over a proposed rendering plant to be located at 35th and Gomez Avenue in South Omaha. Northern States Beef Company which wants to build this plant sponsored a trip to Montreal, Canada, in attempt to allay the fears of those residents and business people who are opposed to the Montreal where there is a small town called St. Scholastic which has a rendering plant similar to the proposed plant in South Omaha. This was located about a half a mile outside of the town. This plant, according to the representatives of Northern States Beef, eliminated all odors commonly associated with a rendering plant. Currently in South Omaha as I told you before, we have the rendering plant, not to mention about eight or ten packing plants, three or four of the big major plants which all add to the offensive odor in this area of the city. By limiting this construction of more rendering plants to be located in no closer than thirty-three hundred feet from any residential area, this amendment attempts to insure the environmental quality of the residents of the area. The proposed rendering plant would be about five hundred feet from Richman Gordman stores, about five hundred and