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for many years defined residential areas. I think that this body has an obligation to attempt to mitigate that loss if it is at all possible. I think that we have heard many times about the millions of dollars, approximately \$60,000,000 that has been spent on the sewage treatment plant in the City of Omaha. I remind this body that five sixths of that money was state and federal money. Four sixths of it is federal money and one sixth is state and one sixth is city. I remind you also that those funds that are flowing to the City of Omaha through the bill which I introduced way back in 1971. I also know the the Department of Environmental Control has had to labor vigorously to keep that plant in operation as well as they can and that at times as recently as the first of March they found it necessary to allow twenty-four million gallons of raw sewage per day to flow into the Missouri River. I spoke with Mr. Drain about it. Mr. Drain assured me that the level of contamination, the ratio I believe he said was one to two hundred and fifty parts that was of no degrading quality to the Missouri River. I am sure there are people downstream at Nebraska City who might disagree with that but I think that Mr. Drain did what he had to do. As Senator Goodrich points out you just can't stop the sewage system of the City of Omaha. I would just like to point out one more factor which I think is going to have to be faced one of these days and probably sooner than you realize and that is the fact that much of the storm sewer and sanitary sewer in eastern Omaha are one and the same. I doubt very much if many of our smaller communities in the State of Nebraska could get by with that. It is going to cost a tremendous amount of money. Again, I think reasonableness has prevailed because the city frankly has been short of funds to handle that problem but I think that Senator Labeledz and Venditte here have addressed an issue which can be resolved to a certain extent and that is that certainly individual citizens, individuals, should not have to bear a burden that is properly the responsibility of the entire City of Omaha. If you were to take the \$10,000,000 that has been spent in the past ten years by the city on sewage facilities, that only averages out to about two and a half dollars per person per year. Not exactly a staggering amount, not exactly something which the average citizen cannot handle. The unfortunate part of it is that a very fine residential area of the City of Omaha has taken an unnecessary share of the burden. They should not have to do it. I support the Labeledz amendment. I do not believe it will...

PRESIDENT: One minute, Senator Schmit.