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for the service, I will be glad to pay him because I certainly am getting tired of seeing those barrels sit around but I think we are defeating the major purpose and intent of the bill if we do not provide some of the funds that we have outlined here and under 853A. One more point in closing, that is that there have been expended by the Department of Environmental Control and through their auspices, more than \$60,000,000 in the past few years for secondary sewage treatment facilities, the majority of which went to primary and metropolitan class cities. Within those cities you will find certain amounts of chemicals. I think that it is fair and a very reasonable request that we allow the department a certain sum of money to collect those chemicals and dispose of them. If we are in favor of improving the environment then I think this is a very modest investment and one which we should certainly consider. I hope that you will vote against Senator Beutler's motion and go ahead and pass the A bill.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Before we complete the discussion it is my privilege to introduce from Senator Labedz's district, 9 eighth grade students from St. Francis of Assisi, Omaha, Nebraska, teacher, Sister Blaise Cupich, and five ladies from Senator Labedz's district. Where are you folks located? Welcome to the Unicameral. And in the same balcony from Senator Chronister's district, 11 fourth through eighth grade students from Immanuel Lutheran School, Beemer, Nebraska, teacher, Mr. Robert Witte and wife, in the North balcony. Can you raise your hands so we can see where you are? Welcome. Senator Venditte.

SENATOR VENDITTE: Mr. Speaker, just as a matter of information, a question of Senator Schmit. Maybe this may be a little bit...(interruption.)

SENATOR SCHMIT: Yes.

SENATOR VENDITTE: ...of my question here, Senator Schmit, but hazardous waste does just not include chemicals but it could be a combination of or a multitude of things and it goes on to say that if, in fact, these hazardous wastes cause potential health hazards to the environment, to human beings, whomever...

SENATOR SCHMIT: That is right.

SENATOR VENDITTE: ...when they are stored or disposed of then what can the department do or what should they do?

SENATOR SCHMIT: The department can gather them up and dispose of them in a proper disposal site. For example, Senator,