

the federal Clean Water Act, Section 208, they can come in and take action today.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Schmit. My inclination is to support Senator Beutler's motion but I have mixed feelings about it. Oh, let me tell you just briefly why I was gone most of the day. I was going to go to the City Council swearing in ceremonies because this was the first district election in the history of Omaha. It would be the first time that a black person had ever been sworn into the Council but with all the criticism they make of the Legislature I have never been insulted down here in the way I was in Omaha. Here I am the father of the district bill, going to watch, not a baby born, not twins, not triplets, not sextuplets but septuplets, whatever the seven would be, and I was told that this public event in a public forum was by invitation only and people who were against district elections all these years, Senator Higgins, had their invitations who were inside. So I had to be turned away at the door, but I made such a noise with the clerk she went on the loudspeaker and said maybe they will let the public in after all but at that point I told everybody there that my intent in getting district elections was to make the Council more accessible to the public, not to create elitism so since the public had been turned away and I feel that I belong with the people rather than eliteists, I could not go into that gathering, that my self-respect and pride are about all that I really have and to go into the building after having been spit in the face would have taken my pride and my self-respect from me and I would have been left with nothing. So that is why I was so late in getting here today and maybe some people wish I had gotten in, then I would not be here at all, but I have been trying to take a little time to see whether or not Senator Schmit had gotten the information yet that he was looking for.

SENATOR CLARK: One minute left.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: My inclination then would be to support Senator Beutler's motion and unless somebody can give a compelling reason why this would not be a worthwhile thing, I believe I will have to support it.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. President, members, I think this amendment is not necessary at the present time. There is a lot of work being done with irrigation runoff in our area and there is none anymore to speak of. It goes into reuse pits and is used over and I was just visiting with Senator Beutler