

14 sites, there will be nowhere near 14 sites. We rushed into it because we felt threatened. We felt that we were doing the responsible thing based upon the federal statutes. Ladies and gentlemen, if you would have believed the federal mandates back in the early seventies, we'd have rushed into this. The roof hasn't fallen in, the sky hasn't fallen, has been no big upheaval and the environment in Nebraska is in better shape today, I believe, because of the cooperative effort. I think EPA has learned a little bit about running a state program they didn't know before much to their benefit. I would suggest that this is not the time nor place to pass this bill and I would oppose it and I would oppose it for all the reasons I have given, but most of all I think it's important and I particularly ask for the diligence of my good friends who have been concerned about the low-level radioactive waste thing.

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: We ought to try to correct that problem and make sure that we are doing that, as much damage control as we can in that area before we embark upon an entirely new program, the consequences of which we do not know, the cost of which we are not aware and the direction in which it will go which has not been pointed out to us. So, again, I would oppose the amendments and I would then oppose the bill. Thank you very much.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Elmer, Senator Morrissey on deck.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Mr. President. Several statements have been made by Senator Schellpeper and Senator Nelson about the desirabilities of this bill and its costs. We all recognize that government doesn't get smaller, it gets bigger and a biennial budget for the next time we put it together, I would guess that that fiscal note will be 700,000 for the two years. We do have in place through our NRDs, very efficient organizations that are attending to our groundwater problems through special management areas and enforcements of fertilizer and chemical applications. Senator Schmit has addressed the federal government control. This FIFRA bill is a request by the federal government that one says to put in place and rubber-stamp those regulations that the federal government have. It's a record keeping bill. It's a label control bill for chemicals. It's a training bill to have the State of Nebraska train and certify farm and commercial operators. It doesn't