

but these federal people are saying everybody has to be cleaner than they are now. Now we have those dirty air polluters in the east who need to be cleaned up, but that is not the way they're looking at it. It is not just them. It also includes us. So if everybody has to reduce air pollution in the generation of electric power by a certain percentage, then that puts us in a very difficult, impossible position because this state is already so much cleaner than those other states that we...we cannot, we cannot afford to be 100 percent pure and that's what they, in effect, are asking us. And Senator Schmit is here and I would relinquish my time to him.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Schmit, would you like to continue, please.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Yes, thank you, Senator Lamb. I appreciate your remarks. You're 100 percent on target and it is absolutely imperative, I believe, that we pass this resolution with a strong vote because Nebraska has exceeded the demands of the clean air (inaudible) by a long way, and if we do not get some relief from the federal government in this area, Nebraska will almost be in a position where we cannot build any new plants. There is going to come a time when you're going to need electricity. We have impediments toward the construction of hydropower. We tried to bring some power in from Manitoba and ran into problems there. We have, of course, the anti-nuclear problem which is presently generated, I believe, by some people who may have some other goals in mind. But, in any case, there is going to be in the future increased demand for energy, and unless we do something to make it possible for this state to participate in that program, we're going to have an energy shortage in this state. I would hope that we would pass this resolution and that it would have some impact upon the federal officials. I might add that my level of confidence in that is not very high, but I do believe that we have the support of our delegation; and I hope that the Nebraska Legislature could add to it so that Nebraska public power can continue to serve Nebraska citizens in the manner in which they have been doing. I want to emphasize once again Nebraska's standards are above those of other, any other states and the federal ruling, as it was proposed, is very detrimental to Nebraska.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Hefner, please.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, I want