them many responsibilities. They have many additional responsibilities coming to them from the feds. But I do not believe they are really short of help. If you look at the staffing situation over there, you will find they have a lot of people. It may well be that they do not have enough people in solid waste control, but there are one heck of a lot of people who work for DEC. There's been a tremendous increase from when I introduced a bill which created them 20 years ago. So I would suggest that it's either all or nothing, it's either all or nothing. Those of you who are new to this body can act as if we are rushing headlong into Hades by the adoption of the original language of the Schmit bill, but the facts are we've had a little time. My concern is this, and I raise the question which has not been answered, does the plan, as proposed by the committee amendment, have to be approved by the DEC prior to December 15, 1993? I do not think so. It doesn't say when the deadline for submittal of the plan is. I would read the plan must be submitted by December 15th of '93. If they get 225 plans on December 15th, and if I were with the cities that's what I would do, from Dix, Nebraska to Bellwood, I'd have them all in there on the last day. And, if we don't know what that will create, I can tell you what it will do, it will be chaos, and you have another five years automatically, automatically at the very best. There's nothing in here that penalizes anyone. There are no guidelines for the plan, there are no minimum requirements. There are no stipulations as to what must be in the plan. Senator Beutler comes as close as you can, as we have in any way, with this amendment to the Lamb amendment. Senator Lamb's amendment places some criteria, Beutler adds to that. Does the DEC, for example, have the authority to approve all the plans?

SPEAKER BAACK PRESIDING

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SENATOR SCHMIT: Have we not abdicated our responsibility on plans with the adoption of the committee amendments as per se? I would say perhaps that we have gone farther toward authorizing staff people to approve plans than we intended, or than DEC would want. I believe, ladies and gentlemen, we have all experienced some sad occasions of enforcement...of improper enforcement, tank bills, et cetera. I do not think we want to embark upon that kind of a road with these plans. I guess at this time I'm going to oppose the Beutler amendment, because I