

Please come to order.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The point I want to make is this, the people who live in an area, the people who have invested their money, pay the taxes to do the work, they have as high if not a higher degree of interest in maintaining the good quality, pristine quality of that community than anyone else. Those who come out once or twice a year take a quick trip down the river, then go back to the cities, don't really have the same concern for it, in my opinion. If we're going to be concerned about the state and about the environment, then it ought to be from one end of the state to the other, north and south, east and west. There are those of us who today have discussed at great length what needs to be done to improve the environmental conditions in this state. And I welcome and encourage all of you to become interested but I want to tell you also that it's strange to me that when you propose bringing those same kind of characteristics and qualifications, rules and regulations to the city limits, sort of like what Senator Lynch said, the red light goes up, the whoa sign comes out and wait, we'll (interruption)

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...our own. I apologize because yesterday I became a little excited in the Natural Resources Committee because a bill which ought to have been passed many years ago, that regulated environmental conditions in the cities, was being held up again, because we were told, we'll do it ourselves. Ladies and gentlemen, that's what the people in Senator Lamb and Senator Dierks' districts want to do, they want to do it themselves. Let me give them a shot. They have not done too bad the last 125 years, I think they'll continue to do a good job. Let's give them a vote of confidence on this floor. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Schmit. We'll now go to Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Actually, Mr. Chairman...or Mr. Chairman and members of the body, actually, I had my light on to call the question. But I assume that we're not quite ready to do that yet. So I guess I will just make a brief statement, since I am a member of the Government Committee and did not...would not vote to move this bill out onto the floor. And I guess I don't