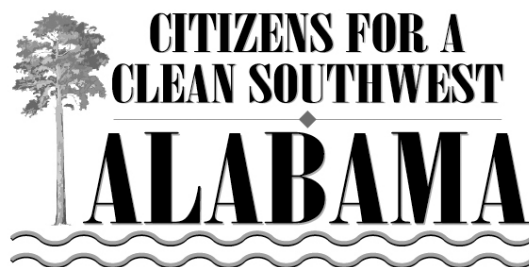


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Senator Richard Shelby takes stand against landfill

EVERGREEN, AL - Senator Richard Shelby addressed the concerns of Conecuh County citizens about out-of-state garbage coming into Alabama. "It is not a good image of the state to bring in garbage. We have the technology to develop and create energy where the garbage is developed. I would fight to keep a landfill out of my county also."

Thirty-five Citizens for a Clean Southwest Alabama (CCSA) were among approximately 50 people on hand to talk with Senator Shelby at Reid State Technical College in Evergreen, Saturday.

Senator Shelby stated he has learned that garbage is interstate commerce, but does not understand how garbage can be commerce, but he does understand there is big money being invested in garbage.

When the senator opened the floor for questions or comments, area resident Cecil Howington said he had a question regarding water in this area. Mr Howington stated that there are several residence in the county that don't have access to a water system and the only source of water available is well water. He stated his residence is located approximately 2 miles from the existing landfill in Escambia County, Timberlands. "The fact that the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) stated citizens will be notified of a health hazard only if it exists, gives me reason to be concerned for the safety of my family and my neighbors" said Howington.

“I don’t want to be notified after the fact, I want to know if there is any threat to my water before something happens. It’s been reported there were unhealthy test well readings around Timberlands and residents were not notified by ADEM. And with the mercury laced soil moved to Timberlands, I’m even more concerned about the water” Howington said.

Senator Shelby stated he was not knowledgeable of the mercury contaminated soil being moved to the landfill in Escambia County, but he would not drink the water if he lived that close to a landfill. He stated that the county should have a county-wide water system available to its citizens – everyone has a need for a good water system. Senator Shelby went on to tell how millions of dollars are being spent in Calhoun County now to clean-up the soil in an area around Anniston where the manufacture of PCB’s had occurred. He stated that 1 billion dollars is being spent to build an incinerator to destroy the contamination and old warfare that has been stored in that area.

Evergreen resident Mike Fordham introduced himself as a supporter of the proposed landfill, and stated that the landfill was going to be a solid waste treatment facility for green energy. Several people in attendance objected saying this has never been proposed. Mr. Fordham said unlawful garbage dumps are a problem in this county because of the lack of garbage service, and this would be a solution. Senator Shelby answered “I don’t want garbage from New Jersey or any other state coming into Alabama. Conecuh County, and every county, should have a county-wide garbage pick-up service and the commissioners should be the ones to implement, control and support this service.”

“This is what we’ve been working for. Our goal has always been to educate the public of the risk involved with the Conecuh Woods landfill,” says CCSA Chairman, Johnny Andrews. “Senator Shelby doesn’t want Alabama to be the nations dumping ground and understands the risk involved. He knows we don’t need this landfill and he knows we don’t want this landfill” Andrews said.