

administer the act. They have convinced me through some questionings that we had in Appropriations and we asked them a lot of questions about how they would administer this act, completely unrelated to their budget, frankly, but just to find out some information. They convinced me that they will do it, they can do it, and, therefore, I rise in opposition to the amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Hohenstein. Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Somebody pulled the charge this morning but it must not be me because I think I've been short-circuited. This morning I'm a little bit nervous. You can't read this but I have and a number, at least several of the other members of the body have a card that we carry, says, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Certified Pesticide Applicator in Nebraska. Goes on to identify the carrier and I have a number here, NE880203. The reason I mention that is that I'm not going to hassle the bill but it makes me very nervous to see the state management plan on ground water and surface water contamination and those sorts of things included within LB 588. And the reason for saying that is simply this, and I'm sure that the members of the Agriculture Committee are well aware, but from the federal side FIFRA is nothing more than a labeling of all sorts of chemical compounds that are used in business and industry. There's an extensive, intensive process that's gone through on the federal level in order to establish the package labeling, the use, the amounts and all of those things. The other part of FIFRA is to ensure that the applicators, be they private or commercial, are properly trained in complying with the labels. It is a registration and education program. Now, having said that, is that part of ground and surface water quality? Certainly, it is in a way, but FIFRA is not in Nebraska nor in any other state where it's being used, nor for that part of the United States, a ground water quality program in and of itself. It is simply a process whereby chemical compounds that are used for all sorts of growing things that are detrimental to agriculture, to the homeowner, to the business place that those compounds be properly examined, properly tested, that their use by amount, by application, by crop, by industry, by whatever you want to do is clearly indicated on the labels. And I would share with you that the labels are extensive and they are all-inclusive in that you are not authorized to use any of these products for whatever use beyond