

agency in formulating a state water management plan. And the second area that is now being very closely monitored by the federal Department of Transportation and several other agencies are the storage and transportation of chemicals that is certainly not a part of the Department of Agriculture's responsibility. I can't support Senator Beutler's amendment, as it's written, putting the entire FIFRA responsibility with the Department of Environmental Quality, and I have two amendments up to look at just those two sectors of my concern. And I certainly hope that you will give very serious consideration to those when they're presented. Thank you, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Elmer. Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Madam President, and members of the body, I rise in opposition to the Beutler amendment. Most of the things that I had to say, obviously, have already been said during this discussion. I would like to remind the body though that 41 of the states who are now managing the program are managed by the Department of Agriculture and it appears to me that...and the ones that I have any familiarity with have been managed well, so, therefore, I would certainly oppose the amendment that has been offered by Senator Beutler. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska. Senator Moore. Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Call the question.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Wehrbein, there is no one else indicating they wish to speak so I would recognize Senator Beutler for closing.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Madam President and members of the Legislature, this has been a very good discussion so far. And I think the most valuable part of that discussion has been the remarks by Senator Coordsen, because he has keyed in and focuses for you exactly what's happening with this bill. It is not a narrow bill having to do with just the certification of applicators and the labeling of products, which is really what FIFRA is all about, but it contains a whole number of provisions and I would direct your attention to page 13 in the Water Management Plan, in the big amendment, AM05401. And there are a whole number of other provisions. I would direct your attention to page 15 where it gives them the power over the safe handling,