

involves the community in what you're doing. The Department of Ag may or may not set up rules and regulations that allow that. They may or may not set up regulations that use the NRDs in that method. They may or may not use the NRDs as the enforcement mechanism. There are no protections built into this bill, unless I've overlooked them, and if I've overlooked them, I would be grateful for somebody pointing them out. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT MOUL:** Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Wehrbein, followed by Senator Hartnett.

**SENATOR WEHRBEIN:** Yes, Madam Speaker, members, I don't know that this is the answer to your question, Senator Beutler, but on page 12, at the bottom, line 23, the department shall have the following powers, functions and duties to administer, implement and enforce the pesticide act and serve as a lead agency for the regulation of pesticides. The department shall involve the Natural Resource Districts and other state agencies, including DEQ, NRC, Water Resources, or the Department of Health in matters relating to water quality. Now whether that answers this question I don't know, this isn't my bill. Again, I would like to have Senator Baack comment on this but, to me, that says "shall" involve NRDs. So I...to me, that's adequate at this point. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT MOUL:** Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Senator Hartnett.

**SENATOR HARTNETT:** Madam President and members of the body, we had...before our Natural Resources Committee started this year, we had kind of a briefing by different NRDs and it seemed to me, from being an urban senator, that the NRDs that had the special ground water protection districts really did a better job of administering and controlling the use of fertilizer, water and so forth within the area. And if this, I think...I think I know where Senator Beutler is trying to get with this amendment is that we do have better control over the use of fertilizer, water, etcetera for the betterment of Nebraska. And so I simply rise that I support the...whether this is the right language or not, I simply support the concept and principle.

**PRESIDENT MOUL:** Thank you, Senator Hartnett. Senator Bromm.

**SENATOR BROMM:** Thank you, Madam Speaker. I think if we stop and think about where we're at now without FIFRA, my understanding is that if we would develop a major problem here