

in the state involving, well, let's just say Atrazine, for example, with the EPA in charge of our program now, EPA's action very well might be to ban the use of Atrazine throughout the state. Now one of the advantages of having the FIFRA program and of having the Department of Agriculture having some latitude here would be to restrict the use of that particular product if it were a problem in a given area and to limit the use of that product within a given limited area. Now that might involve more than one NRD. That might involve...that might cross the boundary lines of two or three NRDs if there were a problem with Atrazine at a given point. I would expect that the Department of Agriculture would utilize the NRDs to the extent possible. If the NRDs were willing to designate a special protection area, I assume that they would do that. But there needs to be some coordination from the state level to implement this program effectively and if you just take a problematic situation and you think through that, I don't think that you want to...you don't want to hamstring the Department of Agriculture in the way that I think this amendment would. I think this amendment would carve out one of the tools that the Department of Agriculture might need to use to solve a problem at a given point in time. And, again, the Department of Agriculture is not going to be able to implement this program effectively without working with the NRDs. I think Senator Wehrbein was right in pointing out the language that requires that they work with the NRDs. And I think...I think we should defeat this amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Bromm. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Madam President and members of the Legislature, just a couple of remarks, if I could. Senator Wehrbein is correct in that it says that the department "shall involve", shall involve the NRDs. But I think that you and I understand that that language is extremely general and can mean one of a thousand things. And it's nonspecific language that none of you would accept if we were talking about fertilizer regulation by the Department of Environmental Quality, for example. You haven't accepted it in the past. What you have required in the past, and quite rightfully, are certain specific procedures and methods for involving the public and involving the local NRDs in specific ways. This language that Senator Wehrbein quoted is not...does not mandate anything other than a brief discussion with an NRD. And that's what I'm trying to pin down, how this is actually going to work, which way will the Department of Agriculture work? I want to clarify at the