

over it thoroughly before we have to discuss it on the floor. It's not fair to the people that introduced the bill and it's not fair to the Ag Committee because we've pretty well decided what we think is an effectual piece of legislation. We think we have something that will serve the people of Nebraska well. We think the legislation is in proper form to pass right now and we would like to see the bill pass that way and allow, if there's some difficulty that comes out in the future, then to look at something like Senator Beutler is trying to do. But, for the moment, when we haven't had the opportunity to really look this amendment over and determine the ifs and ands about it, only a cursory glance which looks to me like we even make it more possible for the Department of Agriculture to become owners and exclude the NRDs, I just that that's not quality legislating and I would urge that you not support this amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Dierks. Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Madam Speaker, and members, I, too, am going to oppose this, in fact, rather strongly. And, I guess, actually I think Senator Beutler might be just a little bit ahead of his time on this point because we haven't gotten the state management plan for...and I'm going to read it out of the bill, for the evaluation...or prevention, evaluation, litigation of occurrence of pesticide or pesticide breakdown products in ground water and surface water, that is what's coming. And I think it may be appropriate to face this issue at that time. At this point, I can't really interpret this amendment clearly in my mind enough to really understand what it says. I don't think, at this point, it's necessary. I think it might be appropriate another year when this management plan should be coming which is the basis of...part of the basis of this bill, because we have been delayed and we don't have...on FIFRA we're a little bit behind on developing our management plan. I think this consideration that Senator Beutler has raised is probably appropriate in future time when we are closer to knowing exactly what we are going to have in our management plan, who will be taking the...or who will be making the regulatory side of it...taking the regulatory side of it. And, at this point, to me, the amendment is so unclear or at least unclear enough that I cannot support it.

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