

Department of Health. And we will have an opportunity to revisit it, I'm sure, if we need to. But what appears to be a relatively straightforward and simple amendment, I think, could have broad ramifications and I'm not...I'm not, just not comfortable with it anymore than if we had a specific amendment telling the Department of Ag that they had to do something specific with the Department of Health with regard to this bill. I think we need to let the bill have an opportunity to be placed in effect and see what we have and then if we need to do something along this line in another year or two, we certainly could revisit it, but I don't feel comfortable with this amendment at all at the present time and I'd urge the body to defeat the amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Bromm. Does anyone else wish to speak to this amendment? Seeing none, do you have closing, Senator Beutler?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Madam President, members of the Legislature, I couldn't offer you a more conservative amendment. I couldn't offer you a more conservative amendment because all this amendment does is to say that we will handle one type of contaminant, pesticide, the same way that this Legislature has previously established to handle problems with other types of contaminants such as fertilizers, petroleum products, et cetera. The radical suggestion, the radical suggestion is the suggestion in the FIFRA bill unamended because it grants more power to a state agency than you have ever granted to a state agency in these matters ever. The radical departure is in the bill without this amendment. So that's basically it. I think you understand that it simply would force the Department of Ag to work through the NRDs unless that system proved to be ineffectual. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Beutler. We will now vote on the Beutler amendment to LB 588. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 10 ayes, 20 nays, Madam President, on the adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: The amendment fails. Further amendments.

CLERK: Madam President, Senator Beutler would move to amend.