

to serve us for a period of time and guide all actions from the Department of Agriculture. And yet we're willing to rely upon rules and regulations to see that proper notice provisions are built into the system. And again I suggest to you that if this were any other matter or something that came to you without the inbuilt political coalition that is kind of standing firm against all amendments, that you would think we ought to build in some protection for people to get a hearing and for public hearings to be around the state on this matter. And I think you would agree that if we were dealing with a broad state management plan, that it ought not to be just one agency. You've heard people speak earlier about the importance of the Department of Health and the importance of the Department of Environmental Quality and you heard people speak against cutting out the Department of Agriculture from this process. Well, I say, fine, let's put all three agencies on an equal basis as far as this grand plan is concerned: That, to me, would neutralize the problem with the plan, that along with a couple of other suggestions that I think would make the planning process a lot better. But, for this amendment, all we're doing is requiring public hearings on the plan and requiring approval, not just input, from the Department of Environmental Quality and the Department of Health.

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

SENATOR DIERKS: Madam President and members of the body, Senator Beutler, have you sent a copy of this amendment around?

SENATOR BEUTLER: I'd be glad to do so. It has simply two concepts.

SENATOR DIERKS: Well, would you tell us again simply what the two concepts were?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. The first concept is with regard to the state plan, not with regard to any other matters in the legislation but with regard to the state management plan it would require the approval of the Department of Environmental Quality and the approval of the Department of Health. So instead of having ultimately to deal only with the approval of the Department of Agriculture, the two other agencies that have heretofore been the driving agencies in this area would have an equal voice in saying what this overall plan should look like. That's point number one. And the second thing it would do would