

you had self, self, you had Nebraska Audubon Society, Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department, Nebraska Cooperative Council, we had a number of...you had a whole list there of people. We had a bunch of neutrals and I think the opponents even have come together now and said, hey, I think this bill is going to work. The farmers aren't out here trying to destroy the lands, they're trying to protect the lands. I mean, I guess we all have concerns of who might take charge but this isn't a turf thing. It is strictly a pesticide act that Senator Withem referred to and it had a public hearing and it seems like it's been going on for years and years and years. Now we come to this final hour here and we're all sitting back and we're saying hey, maybe we should change it. If we're going to change it, we're going to have to start all over again from ground zero. We can't come in here and say, hey, I don't like this one little thing about the bill. This bill has been almost talked to death and let's don't completely talk it to death. Let's go on with it and share our ideas, but it has come to the conclusion that the bill is what is best for all of Nebraska. Thank you.

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

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Madam President. I handed out a little bit ago a couple of diagrams. One shows FIFRA in large letters and one has the comprehensive state ground water protection program on the other handout. And I have inserted my middle initial so that you can tell Chris Beutler from Curt Bromm, okay, but don't ask me what it stands for, please, I'm not going to tell you. In any event, I think what we've done to a large extent on the floor here not only in this debate, but to some extent the last time the bill was up, was to confuse the state management plan that is referred to in the bill and the comprehensive ground water protection program that is contained on the other diagram. Now the only thing that the Department of Agriculture is doing in this bill is developing this specific state management plan which deals with pesticides, okay. Now that becomes a FIFRA act and that plan becomes part of the ground water protection program which we have to have in place I think in '96. The ground water protection program is still under the jurisdiction and being developed and drawn by DEQ and FIFRA is one part of the puzzle but it is only one part and DEQ will continue to work on and draw the ground water protection program and my understanding is that that program will have to come back to this body, have public hearings and be approved by the Legislature to stay in Nebraska and that is the overall