

legislation. I think occasionally that is valuable information to have. I'm pleased to know that groups that used to fight each other on this proposal have reached an accommodation, that is helpful. But that ought not to hamstring those of us who are elected to represent constituents from becoming involved in legislation. The other thing I would like to know from Senator Baack because he did reference particular legislation that another member of the body has pointed out to me on this bill privately and that is language on page 12, department shall involve Natural Resource Districts and other state agencies in matters relating to water quality. The term shall involve is a very nebulous terminology and I think it can mean anything from copying them on correspondence all the way to sitting and jointly planning, planning programs with them. I would prefer the latter and would be very concerned if it would devolve down to the former. I understand basically that's what Senator Beutler is trying to do with his amendment, is spell out stricter standards for involvement. I understand your fear that his way of doing it may cause us to run afoul of the federal agencies, but could you use some of my time and explain what you envision in terms of this involvement and how it will operate?

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Withem, I will, and I think the involvement has to be very heavily involved from the standpoint that I think that any kind of a plan that they're going to come up with, I think that all of those people should sit down together and talk about the plans and discuss those plans and make decisions cooperatively as to how these plans go and I think if you look on page 13 of the bill, I think it spells out...some of these are spelled out in the bill. It says the Department of Environmental Quality shall be responsible for adoption of standards of pesticides and surface water and ground water. Department of Health shall be responsible for adoption of standards for pesticides in drinking water. Some of the duties of those departments are already spelled out in the bill and they will be involved at that level. So I think they are going to have that input in already and it's statutory. It's not even just shall involve. They shall do those things and those things are very, very specific. So I think it's fairly clear that that involvement is going to have to be more than just simply copying them and telling them what they are going to do and I think if we're ever going to get approval by the EPA for the comprehensive ground water management plan, we're going to have to show that that involvement took place and we're going to have to show...because this is only one piece of it. We're