

do not believe that EPA could fail to approve our plan because of anything having to do with the state management plan. Now if somebody can show me language to the contrary, I would be glad to be informed, but I don't believe that that's true at all. Secondly, remember that this is not just labeling, this is not just the application, certification of applicators. This is the whole big picture. This is what we're going to do in the future as a society and some of you may think pesticides is a narrow area, but pesticides is a very broad and very critical area to our entire economy. Do you know it includes such things as biological agents? It's not just chemicals, but it is biological agents. We're getting to the era now that we know how to manipulate DNA and we will soon be manipulating and pesticides will be organic live things as well as just chemicals and that future is anticipated in the definitions of this bill. And I suggest to you that when you start thinking about that broader implication that the Department of Health becomes even more important because we, as human beings, living in this state want to know about biological agents and which ones are being approved or not approved and what is going on in this area. So I think it makes 100 percent sense to include not in this whole FIFRA area but just with regard to the state management plan the inclusion of those agencies that we have traditionally relied upon in this state to deal with pesticides. You know, those are the two agencies that have all of the experience in this state in dealing with pesticides and we want to say you can have a state management plan and all you need to do is involve them in whatever way you think is appropriate. Shouldn't it be the other way around? Shouldn't those with the experience be saying, we will involve you, Department of Agriculture in whatever way we think is appropriate? This all is backwards. This all is backwards in so many different ways, in my mind anyway, and I'm trying to see if you don't agree really in your hearts if this isn't all backwards. 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: 6 ayes, 19 nays, Madam President, on the adoption of Senator Beutler's amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: The amendment fails. Further amendments, Mr. Clerk.