

presently says that these other agencies shall be involved or shall...the department of agriculture shall involve all these other agencies, shall involve maybe a call once a year, once a month. This bill specifically lays out that this group must get together and come to a consensus on these rules and regulations. Thank you.

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

SENATOR AVERY: I'll waive closing.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Closing is waived. We'll now vote on the Avery amendment to LB 588. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 11 ayes, 15 nays, Madam President, on the adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: The amendment fails.

CLERK: Senator Beutler would move to amend, Madam President. (Beutler amendment, AM0994, appears on page 1131 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Madam President, members of the Legislature, I'm not sure if this last amendment has been distributed to you. I think that it has. And it deals with the relationship between the Cities of Omaha and Lincoln and this act. Section 4 of the act says, except as specifically provided, and this is on page 12 if you want to look at it, except as specifically provided in the pesticide act, the provisions of this act shall preempt ordinances and resolutions by political subdivisions that prohibit or regulate any matter relating to the registration, labeling, distribution, sale, handling, use, application or disposal of pesticides. And so what we're doing is stripping the cities of all of their authorities, including a number of authorities they currently have with regard to pesticides. And remember, pesticides includes poisons of various types, as they may apply to all different kinds of pests, as pests may be defined by the Department of Agriculture.