

and regs. So we'd have to make this...we're going to have to make this mesh with the rest of the bill before we do that. I think there are some other amendments up there. If we could just maybe possibly get you to withdraw that one for right now so we could make sure that we still put the rule and reg making authority back with the department, because this amendment wipes out their authority to do that. So if I might ask you to do that, then we can come up with the language that will make this...that could make this amendment work.

SENATOR ASHFORD: That's perfectly fine. Madam President, I'll withdraw the amendment at this time.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Ashford Amendment is withdrawn.

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Does anyone wish to speak to the bill itself? Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Madam President, members of the Legislature, Senator Baack, I think, is not in the room. But I think I would ask Senator Dierks maybe some questions about the bill, just to make sure that some items relating to the intent of the introducers are clear. Senator Dierks, there is...there is a definition of pest in the bill, which appears on page 10. And it says that a pest shall mean, in two categories, A and B, pest shall mean they're nonhuman, I should say that to start with so that you're not thinking the wrong way on this, Senator Dierks. But they're any insects, snails, slugs, rodent, bird, nematode, fungus, weed, or other form of terrestrial or aquatic life or animal life. That's Section A. And then it says, Section B, any virus, bacteria, et cetera, as defined by the department. And clearly, as defined by the department, affects Section B, which is the virus, bacteria and other micro organisms section. But I assume that Section A, which is any insect, bird, or any other form of life actually, that all of those things aren't, per se, pests, but would only be pests under the act if they are so defined by the department. Is that correct?

SENATOR DIERKS: That would be my understanding of the definition, too.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay.