

amendment. I support the concept of what the resolution is attempting to do. I do it, though, with some reservation in that we, as the saying goes, shouldn't throw out the baby with the bath water, or in this case the drinking water. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Preister. Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: (Inaudible remark.)

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Pardon?

SENATOR WESELY: On the main resolution.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Any further discussion of the committee amendments? Seeing none, all those in favor vote aye, all those opposed nay. Please record.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The committee amendments are adopted. Return... Senator Schmitt wishes to announce that the following guests are visiting the Legislature, there are 19 students, seniors, from Greeley High School in Greeley, Nebraska with their sponsors. Will you all stand and be recognized, please. Senator Wesely. Excuse me, Senator Beutler, to open on the resolution.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Lieutenant Governor, members of the Legislature, I have passed out to you three different documents. For those of you who get questions on the Clean Water Act and what's going on, and many of you may over the summer and the fall, I hope I can tell you a little bit, and I hope these documents will be useful to you in at least giving citizens a little guidance. But the first document I wanted to point out to you was this chart which shows maximum estimated monitoring costs, and on the back side it shows minimum estimated monitoring costs. And this was a document made up by our Department of Health which attempts to kind of give a picture of what may be happening in terms of costs across the state on this particular subject as the federal legislation currently stands. Remember again that basically what we're talking about are testing costs for municipal wells. And the amendments to the Clean Drinking Water Act upped dramatically the number of contaminants that have to be checked for, either regularly or irregularly, depending on the type of contaminant and what may