

standards that Nebraskans presently have to meet under the current law?

SENATOR BEUTLER: I do not have a good sense of it, Senator. I know that the environmental interests are very strongly opposed to certain provisions in the Baucus bill, and what's called the coalition draft. I know the states are heavily behind one of those two versions, or at least certain provisions in those two versions. But where the votes lie, I don't really know.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Okay. Thank you. I just kind of wanted a sense of it. I rise to support your resolution. I think that this is something that if we haven't been paying attention, we all are going to have to be increasingly pay more attention to this area. And it behooves us whether it's really a favorite subject of ours or not, we're going to have to become more knowledgeable about it because the times are coming that we have been predic...that has been predicted to us five years ago or so. So, I urge your interest in this subject.

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

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Madam President, members. I rise in support of the resolution and commend Senator Beutler's work on the issue. Senator Beutler and I have discussed, along with Senator Dierks, looking at the issue of drinking water. And originally we talked about doing a joint study between the Ag Committee, the Health Committee and the Natural Resources Committee to address this. We do hope that in one facet or another we'll be able to work together with the different committees to continue to try and see what we can do to improve the drinking water quality in the State of Nebraska. Obviously federal law and regulation has a tremendous impact in this, and we do look forward to working with Senator Beutler to jointly try and do what we can to make improvements. I'm very pleased that he and the committee have taken this step with the resolution. I support the resolution. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Any further discussion on LR 349? Seeing none, Senator Beutler, do you wish to close? Closing is waived. The question before the body is the adoption of LR 349. All those in favor vote aye, all those opposed vote nay. Please record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on the adoption of