

Senator Beutler, did you wish to speak again?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, I'd call the question.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Okay, do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Debate has ceased. Senator Jim Pappas, would you like to close please.

SENATOR PAPPAS: Yes, Mr. Speaker, colleagues, I don't want to argue with Senator Beutler about the need or the problem nitrates. I believe there is a need, and the problem is growing, along with Senator Vickers' comments. The one thing I will point out is if you read the bill, the bill is not a well-drafted bill. The bill is a bad bill. I'll give you a little history on this bill. This bill was introduced in Agriculture and Environment Committee last year, which was passed out, although Senator Beutler says a lot of times we do not pass out all the good bills when it comes to environmental protection. This bill was passed out last year. I disagreed with it last year. It was agreed to there would be an interim study committee held on this bill, which there was. The interim study committee, when we had the hearing on the particular bill, it was pointed out that there was a number of people that Senator Beutler had been in contact with on this particular bill, on the nitrate study. We took it upon ourselves to write all these people and ask them their opinion of the bill and what input they could put into it. Every one of them, without fail, wrote back to us and said there was a problem with nitrates, but the bill is not the right vehicle, the right method to go. We just don't have that much knowledge available yet. You look at the bill, it has many problems, and when you talk about point source, it is tough to define that particular area. We do not have enough knowledge on it. Management practice, who can define what is good management practice, what is not good management practice? Acts of God, hail storms, etc. down the line. Time limits, 90 days is not