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other water contamination issues. Again, I would just end by stating water contamination and nitrate problems have not sunset yet, and unfortunately, as much as I would like them to, I don't anticipate they're going to. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: (Visitor introduced.) Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Mr. President, members of the body, I'll be brief. I'm sympathetic to Senator Beutler's situation, and I shouldn't say his situation, the situation as it exists in Nebraska, and I would be supportive, under most circumstances, of doing something. I appreciated Senator Wickersham's comments about the dilemma that they face, but I'm reluctant to have it on this bill. I think it ought to be properly discussed in its own right, in its own situation. And I'm certainly going to be supportive next year of trying to find some solution to this. And I'll stop short of supporting a fertilizer tax, but I have said that I am sympathetic to that part and will certainly consider it among an array of other things. But I would, at this point on this bill, I would like to have Senator Beutler withdraw that. I know he wants to discuss this issue and make the body aware of the situation. And with that, I'm certainly empathetic. But at this point I will have to vote against the bill if it does...or vote against the amendment if it does come to a vote.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Lynch. The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. The question before the body is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted who care to? Please record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, to cease debate.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Debate has ceased. Senator Beutler, you're recognized to close.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Members of the Legislature, let me respond to some of the things that have been said. First of all, there have been a number of alleged problems pointed out. None of these problems are of any significance, they are all problems that can be solved by reasonable people wanting to solve the