

Quite honestly, the only one that I am concerned about of (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e) is (d) and I think that is the one that the majority of the people of the State of Nebraska are concerned about. How is it going to affect our water, both surface and underground water in the State of Nebraska. I think there could be probably an answer to that. We could probably find out as to whether or not it interferes with the unreasonable hazards for the use of the right-of-way as (a) calls for. I think probably the state engineer is qualified to do that. (b) where it talks about whether it serves the transportation interests and needs of the state. I don't know who in the world would be able to answer that question. Where it talks about under (d) whether the pipeline can reasonably be expected to have a significant adverse effect upon the state's economy. Again, I don't know where you are ever going to get an answer to that question. I think that this is a perfect example of using a sledge hammer to kill a fly on the last moment of the session and even though, as I indicated, I am strongly opposed to the coal slurry pipeline and I certainly have a lot of sympathy for the cause that Senator Cullan has so adequately carried over the years. I do believe that there is a lot of problems with this particular method that is being used at this point in time.

PRESIDENT: Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: I yield to Senator Cullan.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I told Senator Nichol when I initiated this process that I would withdraw the amendment if it became a problem. More than thirty members of this Legislature told me or Senator Wesely or others that they supported this concept and so I still don't believe that there is a problem but I agreed to Senator Nichol that I would do that if he believed a problem was developing and so I will withdraw it but I think it should be an indication to those who...well, I guess that is enough. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator Cullan. He has withdrawn the motion to return so we are...there is a further motion I believe though, so the Cullan motion is withdrawn. Is there...? Go ahead.

CLERK: Mr. President, if I may, right before that, I have a communication from the Governor addressed to the Clerk. (Read communication re: LB 134, 224, 326 and 360.) (See page 2329 of the Legislative Journal.)