

similar bill, deals with the same issue as does the Public Works Committee bill.

PRESIDENT: There is one minute of time left of Senator Higgins'.

SENATOR HIGGINS: As you know I don't understand chemigation or any of this other stuff. I'm trying to just arrive at what is fair here. Senator Beutler, 463 deals with, what?

PRESIDENT: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR HIGGINS: 463 deals with groundwater, chemigation or...

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes. 463 deals with nitrates and the level of nitrates in groundwater. It doesn't deal with how the nitrates are applied. It doesn't matter whether they are applied through a center pivot system which is the subject of a chemigation bill or whether it is applied directly by a tractor or whether it is applied not even in an agricultural setting but some other setting. But because it is Ag and Environment, that is why it was referenced to Ag. I wanted to suggest to you, Senator Higgins, that you ask Senator Haberman whether he conducted a study on nitrates and groundwater pollution last year as Chairman of the Ag Committee.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Well, I think my time is up.

PRESIDENT: Your time has expired, Senator.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT: The Chair is ready to rule on the division, but Senator Johnson wants to speak on that point. Senator Johnson.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. President, I will be brief. I concur with Senator Beutler that these issues should stay in the Ag Committee. I would ask, of course, let's vote it up or down. We've got other issues to discuss this morning on Commonwealth and some other important and pertinent issues. I think that it's all or nothing at this point. Quite frankly, as I pointed out in my earlier comments, the Referencing Committee has no clear policies on a lot of