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people that serve on that Ag Committee, I think, are aware that we need to defend and work to protect the environment, even though we may be in production agriculture ourselves, but we may have concerns for the agriculture and the environment of our state. Since I have been in the Legislature I have seen issues transform. Clearly, when I was in here the first year, education was a very big topic. It has since been sort of pushed aside and agriculture and the crisis affecting agriculture has come to the forefront. I think the next issue, maybe in the latter part of this decade, is clearly going to be how we are going to address the environment, water quality issues, soil erosion issues, air quality issues. Those are issues that are coming and some day, maybe not next year, maybe not this year, but some time before the end of this decade or early in the 1990s you are going to see environment be a key jewel of some committee. Clearly it is probably going to be a jewel of the Ag Committee if it can stay there. I've reserved my comments to the Ag Committee because that is what I know. But I am deeply concerned that if you take the environmental portion out of the committee you've rendered that committee basically useless. To me that is bad. I've had a chance to work with the committee. I guess I'm defending my parochial interests as the chairman of that committee, but I'm also defending it with the full thought that if an election of a new chairman comes along I'm sure that individual would like to have a committee that has some ability to effect change in a positive way, and I think agriculture and environment are two issues that are well needed in that committee and I think have been well addressed during the course of the year as evident by the bills that are now out here on the floor dealing with water quality, LB 284, LB 227, LB 474 may be coming out on soil erosion. There are number of other water quality issues that I think have been properly addressed in the Ag Committee, and I think that that...

SPEAKER NICHOL: Half minute.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: ...is where that portion of the committee should stay.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Kupp is next, please, but may I introduce some guests of Senator Lamb who were here, Joanne Ferguson and Peggy Ferguson of Milburn, Nebraska, and Lois Bergstrom of Merna, Nebraska. I'm sorry we didn't get the information to introduce them while they were here. Senator