

and do it. I urge you to vote to indefinitely postpone this bill and to begin the process of making sense out of who is the lead agency as far as the resources of this state are concerned. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Eret.

SENATOR ERET: Mr. President and members, I rise to oppose the kill motion on LB 124. I appreciate seeing that Senator Beutler withdrew his name from that motion because his position on groundwater nitrates now becomes more credible, in my opinion, because this group, as Senator Rod Johnson referred to the Blue River Association, is a group that is doing very detailed analysis of groundwater nitrates, has been for several years, maintaining very detailed data on this from a large number of test sites. I am not aware that the public in the area of this association opposes their existence. In fact, I think they are rather proud to know that there is an association out there that is doing the work that these people are doing. There is talk here on the floor that we have the NRDs now to do all of the responsibilities in groundwater, but I would venture to say that here in the Legislature even we mandate so much on the NRDs that none of the NRDs would really have the time to do the sort of work that this association is able to carry out. They are a group that is aside from the NRDs and are, you might say, a project group that is able, since they are unencumbered by all the responsibilities that the NRDs have, to be able to go into all of these project areas that Senator Johnson enumerated and to generate some really detailed data and data that could be viewed as technical data towards resolving some of our future problems in Nebraska. So I don't think that, without the people coming to us and saying that they don't want it, it is really any responsibility of the Legislature to just seek them out and strike them out of existence. Again, I would oppose this motion.

PRESIDENT: (Gavel.) May we have order, please. The Chair would like to announce that all senators here have guests in the north balcony this morning because they come from all parts of the state. We have with us 60 members of the Nebraska Farm Bureau Federation who are attending the Farm Bureau Legislative School. We would like all of you to stand and we will recognize you and thank you for visiting the Nebraska Legislature. The Chair recognizes Senator