

now. I have sent around, basically, a synopsis of those amendments that is sitting on your desk, but what I'd like to do is to urge the body to reject the committee amendments at this time and to adopt amendments that will be offered very shortly with Senator Tom Vickers and my name on it and I will explain those later. But at this particular point I'd like to move that the committee amendments be rejected by simply voting red.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Vickers, did you wish to speak about the committee amendments? Okay. The question is the adoption of the committee amendments, and as I understand, you are recommending that you turn the committee amendments down. Is that correct? All right, the question is the adoption of the committee amendments. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 0 nays, 18 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of committee amendments.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The committee amendments are denied and have failed. Senator Landis, did you wish to speak about the bill now?

SENATOR LANDIS: Senator Beutler will open on the bill and I will, if I could, I'll take a position right after him although my light was on first.

SPEAKER NICHOL: All right. Senator Beutler, then we'll call on Senator Vickers as soon as the bill has been discussed.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I hope you will pay good attention to this bill because it is one of the two or three major pieces of ground water quality protection legislation that you will see this year. The bill is structured much along the lines of what is required by the federal government and some of the federal requirements, but it is, in fact, a complete system for the regulation of underground storage tanks and it is limited to underground storage tanks. I suppose that the distinction is the practical one that if you have a leaking above ground storage tank, it's fairly obvious to you. It's much less obvious and we have a much greater problem with underground storage tanks. The problem is historic in nature. We've always had the problem to some extent, but at this