

SENATOR BEUTLER: In certain locations it certainly could,...

SENATOR PIRSCH: Okay.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...depending upon the situation.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Pirsch. Senator Schellpeper.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. Once again, I rise to oppose the committee amendments in their present form. Section 8 was added without any public hearing. I think it's bad policy that with such a major change and the people in SID number 2, in Stanton County, never had a chance to voice their opinion on it. It's been decided already in district court that they were formed legally. The committee amendments, no doubt, will be challenged in court. So, with that, I rise to oppose the committee amendments.

SPEAKER WITHEM PRESIDING

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Schellpeper. Senator Day.

SENATOR DAY: Yes, Mr. Speaker, members, I just wanted to make sure that one thing is clear as we put this amendment in. What...this amendment will not take away any of the powers of the SID, they still have them. However, they will have to get approval from the coalition. So it was legally formed. It can still legally do what an SID is intended to do. So we are not taking that power away from them, only they will have to check with...they will have to get approval from the coalition. Hopefully, this will prevent them from doing anything that is obstructionist to the landfill, and that's the whole purpose of it. So we are not taking away their power. They were formed legally, they can remain formed legally, and we are not affecting that at all with this amendment. With that, I would urge you to support the amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Beutler, your light is on. Senator Beutler, your light is off. Senator Beutler, you're recognized to close on the committee amendments.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Withem, members of the Legislature, I think we've had a very good debate on the one controversial