

to see if that is a proper division. With that, can you tell...To announce to the members, the amendment has been divided. One division will be Section 1 through 5 cited in the bill, and the amendment as the Drinking Water Source Act. Section...second division will be Sections 6 through 9 dealing with tree planting. Amendment division three, 10 through 15 will be the river assessment. Section 4, 18 through 27, will be the environmental education provision, and then the remaining division will be Sections 16, 17, natural resources enhancement and the portion of the bill that deals with the funding distribution and the tax on fertilizer. With that, Senator Beutler, in what order would you like those brought forward?

SENATOR BEUTLER: I suppose it would be most appropriate just to start with the beginning of the bill, Sections 1 through 5.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Okay, I'm ordering that the issue is divided and we are on Sections 1 through 5 of the division. Senator Beutler, please go ahead.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. Senator Withem, members of the Legislature, the first division is Sections 1 through 5, but before we talk about that, the Drinking Water Source Quality Act, I wanted to make a couple of com...just a couple of comments in response to some of the things that have been recited on the floor. To some extent some of the...a portion of the debate today reminds me a little bit about the...a little bit like the sales tax on services debate. You know, somebody comes in with a bill that just deals with one small portion of the sales tax on services, and a big chorus goes up, and everybody says, no, no, no, no, no, it's not fair to pick out one little part of this, we need a sales tax on all services, and if you would just put a sales tax on all services, we'd be glad to go along with what you suggest, we'd be glad to do our part, we want to do our part. Well, so all right you say, we'll go...we'll go try to have a sales tax on all services. Well, then an even larger chorus comes up, no, no, no, no, no, from all of the lobbyists you can think of and all the special interest groups you can think of, and boom, that idea is dead. So you're whipsawed back and forth. Sometimes they tell you to do a small part, then they tell you, you got to do the whole thing, depending on which argument they want to use. And it's interesting that that same kind of argument was historically a part of the judicial redistricting efforts. I remember years ago when I first started out on that effort it involved