

would be adhered to. As it turned out that was not the case 375, as you know, is still in committee and so while I am supportive of 146 that is the reason I voted not to advance the bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Beutler, do you wish to close on your amendments? The committee amendments?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I think that I would just a couple of things briefly. I don't think that Senator Lamb's comments were necessarily directed at the committee amendments so I'm not sure that it is appropriate to respond to his comments at this point in time but I think in all fairness to the members of the committee there was no agreement as far as I know tying those two bills together in any absolute sense. It was agreed that nobody in bad faith would hold up 375. Now LB 375 is a comprehensive bill that sets up an entirely new mechanism called a management area into the groundwater management act. It is a revolutionary concept. It is something that has needed five sets of amendments already in the committee and we are still trying in good faith to deal with it. There is a lot of disagreement, philosophically, not just in two directions but three or four different directions. Lastly, as far as the relationship of 146 and 375 substantively is concerned, they really don't deal with the same thing except except insofar as they deal with the groundwater management act. 146 is a response to the Natural Resource Commission and the state water plan and the studies that were done under the state water plan. 146 was a recommendation that came from them to deal specifically with groundwater pollution, with water quality problems, pollution problems. LB 375 basically addresses itself to the groundwater quantity problem again. So, the two bills, in my opinion, are not related in any way and I hope that we can have a fair and frank discussion on 146 today just as we will have on 375 when it comes around. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the adoption of the committee amendments to LB 146. All those in favor of that motion say aye, opposed vote no. Record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of the Public Works Committee amendments, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried. The amendments have been adopted. Senator Beutler, do you want to explain the bill?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, going back and repeating myself just a little bit, the bill deals with groundwater pollution. It allows for the NRD's to set up control areas after a hearing and after approval by the