

SENATOR SCHMIT: That is right. It depends upon how you fertilize. It is not the pumping of the water that makes the difference, you see Senator, it is the amount of fertilizer that is there that is drawn into the water. When you regulate the well spacing for example, you might very well aggravate the problem rather than minimize it. It is a very real problem well say you apply a hundred pounds of actual nitrogen per acre and you pump ten inches of water per acre into the water per year. If you pump twice that much there is a possibility, and we don't know, we don't know, there is a possibility that the pollution rate would be diminished rather than increased. I think it is important, thank you, Senator Beutler, I respect your efforts and I respect the efforts of the committee. . . .

SENATOR NICHOL: Thirty seconds.

SENATOR SCHMIT: And, I'm not going to at this time take any definite position on the bill. But I want to caution you that you have not dealt with, number one, the source of the pollution, number two, the methods of determining the rates of pollution or the source of pollution, number three the various types of pollution that might occur and number four and five you know the industrial pollution, the pollution from lagoons, which I have mentioned, and other types of pollution which can very well have a serious impact. I think that you should take a look at this. I know that the bill has been researched a lot, but I would hope that you would take another look at it before you move it on.

SENATOR NICHOL: Before Senator Beutler closes, I would like to announce some guests of Senator Hefner in the north balcony. We have 27 fourth grade students from the Laurel Concord School of Laurel, Nebraska; Mrs. Dianna Anderson and Mrs. Mildred Monk are the teachers. They are in the north balcony. Would you please stand and be recognized. Senator Beutler, are you going to close on this?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker and members of the legislature, a few last remarks if I may. To some extent Senator Schmit is right in the sense that this is not the solution to all of our groundwater pollution problems. This is a small step in the right direction. I guess what I find curious about Senator Schmit's remarks is that it is primarily his feelings on the subject and the feelings of others who share his philosophy on the subjects that prevent us from taking any larger step at this time. So I find it curious that he stands before us and suggests that it is not a very big solution or that it is not the best solution. If it is not the best solution one of the reasons why is because the political support for a more comprehensive solution is not yet there. Of the different propositions that were brought to us by the Natural Resources Commission as