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proceed and I would hope that you and the body would give us at least six months time to work on this. It is not an easy bill to operate. I think you will recall and it has been a number of years since the committee in Agriculture and Environment first began their efforts to improve the handling of solid waste and especially hazardous waste and when we first brought the bills before...

SENATOR CLARK: You have one minute left.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...the committee we did not receive much support and now we have some support and I would hope that the bill would pass as much as it is in the present form.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Thank you, Senator Schmit.

SENATOR CLARK: Is there anything further on the advancement of 216? One amendment on the desk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Beutler would move to amend LB 216 by deleting the words "solid or dissolved materials in irrigation return flows." It is on page 7, lines 10 and 11, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, the amendment follows the discussion that Senator Schmit and myself have been having here and basically what Senator Schmit has said with regard to those of us who live in the cities is that we should be cleaning up our domestic sewage and I agree wholeheartedly with Senator Schmit that we should, in fact, be cleaning up our domestic sewage and to that end he has deleted the exemption in the bill applicable to domestic sewage so that it comes under the definition of solid waste and the Department can regulate solid waste with the provisions that it now has under the law. What I am saying is, in addition to domestic sewage let's get to the problem of irrigation return flows. Maybe it is not a big problem yet. Maybe the money is not there to do it yet but theoretically it is correct I think that we should be looking at water pollution in that regard just as we look at it and regulate it with regard to domestic sewage. And so what I am saying is let's change the law now. Let's put it into the law now that that is solid waste and that the Department should be looking at it and if at some future point in time they want to regulate it they can come back into us for the funds to do that. But theoretically I think we should be treating these things the same because they may be problems in both areas and to the extent that they are and if they are, I