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about the City of Kearney is cooperating with the environmental control people and they are using the sludge from the sewage plant to put on the land. So I don't know whether we want to get involved in this at the present time. I think that there is a lot of experimenting going on and there is very little if any solid waste being put back in any rivers that I know about from irrigation water. The water that does run back has no solid waste in it. It may have chemicals in it if that is what you are talking about but when you say solid waste, why unless it runs through a feedlot or something or have a big rain that washes some of the manure out of the feedlot into the drain, why you have no runoff, solid waste runoff with irrigation water. So I think it is an unnecessary amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Newell. Senator Higgins. Is Senator Higgins in the room?

SENATOR HIGGINS: (Mike not turned on.) ...light is not on.

SENATOR CLARK: We are on Senator Beutler's amendment. Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: I would call the question.

SENATOR CLARK: The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? I do. All those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed vote nay.

CLERK: Senator Clark voting yes.

SENATOR CLARK: Have you all voted on ceasing debate? Once more, have you all voted on ceasing debate. Record the vote.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 1 nay to cease debate, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: Debate has ceased. Senator Beutler, do you wish to close?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, the bill represents in advance in terms of trying to deal with pollution. It ends the exemption with regard to domestic sewage apparently. That is what the bill did before my amendment and my amendment would also, also seeks to end the exemption with regard to irrigation return flows, so that the Department of Environmental Control would have jurisdiction to take a look at both city concerns, urban domestic sewage and rural concerns, irrigation return flows. It would look at pollution in both areas. Thank you.