

address ground quality in any other way than to require labeled applications of chemicals. It has been very well managed and enforced by the EPA. The training programs at the University of Nebraska provide for the farmer and the commercial applicators, has been a very excellent educational program. Why change something that is working so well and spend a great deal of state money unnecessarily? This education that is being done has done a great job for the farmers and the commercial applicators in this state. The University of Nebraska would continue to do that. It's not a...it really wouldn't change anything except unnecessarily set it up, set up a new bureaucracy that will do nothing but grow, doesn't change anything else. I'd urge the defeat of the bill.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. The gentleman from Tecumseh, Senator Morrissey.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Yes, Mr. Speaker and members, when we heard this bill in committee I originally voted, if I remember correctly, against or passed on moving it out of committee and I talked to Senator Johnson and Senator Chambers and I believe we reconsidered and I reconsidered my vote and voted to move it out. I've been supporting it since then and I talked to some folks just this morning saying I'm still supporting it, but I would be open to the floor debate and I would listen to the floor debate and I'm kind of speechless now. Senator Schmit got my attention. It's kind of like if you ever had a dog at home, chained up, been chained up for a long time and finally you come home and see him, he comes running out to you full speed, happy to see you, hits the end of that chain, comes to a stop real quick. Well, I've hit the end of that chain with Senator Schmit's speech. In the Ag Committee and the Natural Resources Committee we are continually brought these bills that are mandated by the federal government. The federal government makes their ruling and says, here you go, boys, handle it. And I've been looking for places where we could kind of challenge them and say, now hold on, you just cannot pass this sort of legislation affecting the state and the people in the state with absolutely no consideration to how it affects them. And as Senator Schmit said, the low-level waste bill is a perfect example of that and this now may be another example. I don't know. I support the idea of the bill. I think we need to address the concerns that are listed in the bill, but right now I'm not going to vote. I'm just going to pass. I've got to sit back and think it over some more. I will not vote this morning.