

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well, I have concluded, Senator Wehrbein, that as I recall in the early seventies they proposed sending us about a two-thirds of a million dollars for implementing the program the first year or two and they proposed that we would hire as many as 40 to 44 people. Now in the last 15 years they've only used four or five people in that program and I think they have apparently found no need for additional people and they have found no need to tighten the requirements beyond that which they presently have in place and so, therefore, it seems to me it's been a history of the federal government participation, an agency participation that once it becomes a state responsibility then the requirements become much more stringent. For example, I spoke this morning with an individual who has to clean up a fertilizer spill I believe it is. He is only allowed five parts per billion in the water sample. Almost any water has more contamination in it than that and so he has a problem which is insurmountable because of an agency mandate. I hope we can avoid that.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Okay, thank you. This has been...the struggle has been around quite a while. I have been uncertain in the past as to what to do, but it appears to me at the present time that we probably don't serve ourselves any better to go ahead with this and I'd be inclined to vote against this at this time. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Elmer, please.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Mr. President and members, the people that would be affected by this bill are primarily the farmers and the pest control industry, ground applicators, aerial applicators, lawn and garden and turf people and all of those types of individuals that take care of control of household pests like Orkin and those people. They are universally feel that the regulations that we're working under presently are working very, very well and see no need to add to that bureaucracy. In visiting with the NRDs who are now currently involved in the groundwater area, they much prefer LB 1099 to this bill, but would accept this one if 1099 is not. I would suggest that we hold this bill on General File at least and see if we can advance 1099 to satisfy to a much better degree these people's concerns. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The Chair is pleased to announce that our