

committee amendments do to the bill, they actually help clarify the situation. They are technical in nature, they are not setting this bill in a new direction, but if, for some reason this bill should pass, which I have my doubts, at least let's put these committee amendments into the bill and then we can start talking about the actual intent of the pros and the cons of the issue and I think Senator Schmit has an amendment or a motion at least forthcoming that we can talk more about the bill itself. But specifically I'd like to ask that we refocus our attention back to the committee amendments which basically help clarify the situation. Again, I'll reiterate them since we've somewhat gotten off the committee amendments, but they simply require the Department of Agriculture, which is the lead agency, to consult with other agencies and groups to...on the water quality issue to get expertise, advice. It adds natural resource districts, that list of groups that would be consulted with. It defines what a commercial applicator is and it also amends the private and commercial applicators license from having it expire in three years rather than four. That's what we're talking about right now and I think we've somewhat gotten off that subject, so I would move the adoption of the committee amendments.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. The question before the body is the adoption of the committee amendments. All in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Voting on the committee amendments. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 7 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of committee amendments.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The committee amendments are adopted. Senator Johnson, would you care to explain the bill?

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. President, I think we've had a pretty good discussion of what the bill does. The FIFRA program is a federal...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Excuse me, Senator Johnson. (Gavel.) Proceed.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The FIFRA bill is the Federal Insecticide Fungicide Rodenticide Act which is a federal act that regulates the application of pesticides in the state. Nebraska's primary responsibility in this program has