

committee or if it's out on the floor and is simply not going to come up this year. But, as I said, it was brought to me by Mr. Gordon Kissel and the NRDs because some of their officials or their inspectors were going to be required to go through these well drilling or well licensing standards. It seemed like an unnecessary expense and...

SENATOR BEUTLER: Why were they...what function that they were performing would require them to go through the well drilling standards?

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Well, Senator, in some cases we're opening up the well to survey for location to the water or for contamination in the water. They...we also require them to check certain check valves on center pivot irrigation systems as well as gravity irrigation pumps for chemigation to make sure that those check valves are operating properly and by opening up the...to check for the check valve, you actually open up the system and there is a concern by some at least that they should have these same education standards for doing that as the well drillers have for doing their work. It just seems like it was an unnecessary regulation that they would have to do this since they're not actually tampering with the well, they're simply checking to make sure, in one case, that the check valve is operating efficiently and that there is no back flow of chemicals into the groundwater. Other cases, they are simply surveying or taking samples of the water for contamination.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, thank you. Thank you, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Does anyone else wish to speak to this motion? Seeing none, do you have closing, Senator Johnson? Closing is waived and we will vote on the motion to return LB 51 to Select. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 31 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to return, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: The motion is approved. Senator Johnson.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Madam President, I would simply move for the adoption of the amendment.