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Have you all voted? Have you all voted on the Beutler amendment? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, on the adoption to Senator Beutler's amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: The amendment is adopted. Is there anyone else who wishes to speak to the main bill? Senator Robinson.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Senator Johnson, question please, Madam President.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Yes.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Who sets the priorities for resource districts on what they're to work on?

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: I'm assuming their board decides...

SENATOR ROBINSON: Uh-huh.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: ...where they want to emphasize whether the Chemigation Act, water quality, water quantity issues, and...and, you know, we give them some direction, but obviously the local board...

SENATOR ROBINSON: Yeah. But they could have four or five projects that could be their own projects and we really wouldn't have any control over those, is that correct? I guess...I guess my concern is how far or...how far do we...how large do we let the resources district become?

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Well...

SENATOR ROBINSON: I could see where this could be a very high priority compare...compared to some of the projects that they have.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Yes, I...I would assume it would be because you can argue for water retention projects or dams, but I think everyone would agree water quality happens to be the top goal that we have to maintain in this state, so it depends. Right now, they don't receive that much money from the state for water quality, so...