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SENATOR COORDSEN: To date, with all of the monitoring wells, the test wells that have been dug, there to...I know of no instance where they've been able to pinpoint the source of the pollution.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: And so that really makes the point that I'd like to make, that if...the special area, we may know where it's contaminated, but it may be very difficult to know where it's coming from. And it seems to me, with our NRDs set up as they are, that spreads it across. There may be times when it will come across two districts, and it seems to me the fairest would be to spread this out until we at least have more technology that might indicate where this contamination or pollution is coming from. And, in addition to that, it might be nitrates in one area, and it might be potentially chemical in another area in time. There may be an overlapping, I think it's going to be...complicate the issue of cleanup. If it comes to that, it would seem to me that spreading it across districts that are already there, in terms of costs, would be most appropriate. So I oppose the amendment and would strongly support instead the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Senator Lynch, would you like to speak to the Beutler amendment?

SENATOR LYNCH: Question.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Do I see sufficient seconds? I do. We'll now vote on the motion to cease debate. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 10 ayes, 8 nays to cease debate, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: The motion fails. We'll proceed with debate. Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body. And thank you for allowing me the opportunity to make a comment or two on the substitute Beutler amendment. Chris is concerned, certainly, and we're all concerned. And I appreciate his interest in this effort. It may seem that this bill is a relatively minor bill to take up so much time this morning, but it has a great deal of significance to the efforts in groundwater quality in the State of Nebraska. Some people have