

arbitrary geographic boundary the person across the road can do anything he wants to do, within reason, of course. So there's a cost being paid by those who find themselves within a designated SPA of certainly a reduced potential income. To add to that the potential of an additional property tax, because of an arbitrary decision of drawing lines, I think is a untenable position, a position that will restrict the creation of further SPAs at a time when we should be encouraging those very things to happen in Nebraska. Therefore, I think, to impact one group of people, and I'm not in an SPA, this is...and I don't irrigate, and, quite frankly, I probably do not use very much nitrogen fertilizer. Wish I had more money, Senator Beutler, but that's the way it is. So it's not a personal issue with me, it's a public, what is good, what is good for the future of Nebraska. And I think what is good for the future of Nebraska is to craft situations that enhance our capability to create SPAs. Maybe the whole state should be in an SPA, not really an off the wall proposal. But in doing so it makes all of us responsible. And, sure, the point source polluter should pay for that, and any other point source polluter that is easily identified. And if it becomes necessary that the application of various agricultural production incentive chemicals, whatever they might be, restriction of that is good for the people, that's fine. But let's do it as a state, organize in NRDs and not provide a double whammy on people who might be in a created SPA, let's do what we can to ensure the growth of proliferation of SPAs, with the maximum public acceptance of that. I still stand in opposition to the Beutler amendment and encourage your adoption of the committee amendments, and will move forward. Thank you, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Members of the Legislature, I don't want to belabor old points. But let me ask you to understand one more disincentive that this bill would provide, if you enacted it. And I hesitate to mention this because the water law is so complicated, has been made so complicated over the years that it becomes confusing. But in addition to special control areas which are the harshest form of control in the sense that the statutes allow the greatest degree of regulation, in addition to those control areas which we have two or three of in this state, you also have what are called management areas. Now management areas are also, in effect, special control areas, except that the controls that are allowed to be used in a management area