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SENATOR LYNCH: Question.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Lynch, there is no one else wishing to speak on the bill, so I'll recognize Senator Beutler for closing...amendment.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Madam President, members of the Legislature, I don't want to reiterate all that's been said. It appears to me that you all have been listening. I would just repeat the amendment itself, the compromise amendment itself so that you're sure that you understand it. And basically it would retain current law with regard to the ability of the NRD to levy a 2 cent tax on landowners within the special protection areas. And in addition it would change current law to provide the funding authority that Senator Coordsen is looking for by allowing a special half cent district wide NRD, district wide tax for the specific and sole purpose of groundwater protection. That's what the amendment would do. And I would hope you would see that as a fair compromise. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Beutler. We'll now vote on the Beutler amendment to the committee amendments. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted on the Beutler amendment? Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 6 ayes, 13 nays on the adoption of Senator Beutler's amendment to the amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: The amendment fails. Are there any further amendments to the committee amendment?

ASSISTANT CLERK: I have nothing further, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Is there anyone who wishes to speak to the committee amendment? Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: I would yield to Senator Johnson, I believe, at this time, if he...did you have your light on? No. Okay, then I'll go ahead. I would encourage the adoption of the committee amendments. What they do is provide the opportunity for enhanced funding for SPAs in the State of Nebraska, should that funding authority be needed. NRDs currently have a statutory limit of 4.5 cents. The average that was levied in