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impossible to debate this issue on this floor today when most of us really don't care about it. Most of us recognize the importance of other issues. Senator Rogers has said we want to get the ball...

SPEAKER BAACK: Time.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...rolling and then come in with a comprehensive plan. I would suggest we have a comprehensive plan and then get the ball rolling.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Schmit. Senator Elmer, you are next. Senator Elmer.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. One of the things that you all should know is the committee amendments start out by striking the entire original bill. This is basically a new bill. The committee was presented with this scenario, that the Environmental Protection Agency is going to require by 1995 that the state have a groundwater management plan, either generic or pesticide specific, and that, if my understanding is correct, that a FIFRA state administrated program be in place to operate this state water management plan. Senator Johnson, is it true that Nebraska will be required to implement a groundwater management plan by 1995, if you would respond, please?

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Rod Johnson, would you respond please.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Under the pesticide groundwater strategy that the federal government just released, yes, that is my understanding.

SENATOR ELMER: Is it being said that a groundwater management plan will have, as a requirement, that it be administered by the state rather than through our NRDs that have the power now?

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Senator, I can't answer that, I don't know.

SENATOR ELMER: Okay, this hearing on this bill was held in 1991, last year when this scenario with the groundwater management plan was not discussed, and it makes a new bill out of this with another piece in the puzzle. So as we pass these committee amendments, think about it from this angle, also that there is a new issue in this bill and that the people that are going to live under this bill and all the regulations thereto