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person, I think, that was in the room at the time we drew up this bill, they wanted it in Department of Ag for the very reason that Senator Hefner and some others have mentioned, that they felt more comfortable working with that agency, they had a good relationship with the director or the personnel, and I'm not saying we want to develop a buddy-buddy system, but I think to answer your question specifically,...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: ...I see a need for this state to have some... some specific lead agency. You may be uncomfortable with the Department of Ag, I guess I am not. But I think the way I originally wrote the bill they would consult or work with the various agencies and political subdivisions to address water quality problems.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Johnson, would you have any objections to a provision in the bill that said that a local NRD in a management or control area could enact regulations stricter than had...had also the ability to regulate within the confines of the statutory provisions that apply to natural resource districts, and in that regard, assuming that it was in that jurisdiction, they could enact regulations that were actually in conflict with...

SPEAKER BAACK: Time.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...or stricter than the Department of Agriculture?

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Do we have time, Mr. Speaker?

SPEAKER BAACK: Short answer.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Okay. I would have...

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes or no.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: At this point I'd say no.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Robinson, you're next.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Mr. President, members of the body, I have