

to require of them the input and assistance of other agencies of state government that are...work in that same general area. So, for consistency alone, along with a lot of other reasons, I would suggest that the wording in the committee amendments will serve us better on the near term, during going through this transitional phase, at the very least, than what the Beutler amendment would. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**SPEAKER BAACK:** Senator Rogers.

**SENATOR ROGERS:** Mr. Speaker and body, you know we designate the Department of Ag as the lead agency. Now there's concern about who will do this and who will do that. I think you should remember that they're the lead agency, but I don't think in the statewide plan that there's any doubt but what the Department of Environmental Control will also have a say so in writing the statewide plan. I think we'd rather see the state write a plan. There's no doubt in my mind that Uncle Sam will...he's not bluffing anymore, he'll come in and write the plan, if we don't do something. I could be wrong on that, but we've seen past incidents of that's what happens. They come in and write it, we may not like it. With this bill...amendment, we have the opportunity to write our own statewide plan. I think that's a plus right there, regardless of who is the lead agency. The state plan can envision some of these things that Senator Schmit talked about, even though maybe they're not classified as poisons, but he mentioned feedlots. I'm sure this can become discussed with the statewide plan. So I would urge you to adopt this amendment so that the bill...we can advance the bill and maybe work on some of these things that have been brought up. And I'll give Senator Morrissey the rest of my time.

**SPEAKER BAACK:** Senator Morrissey.

**SENATOR MORRISSEY:** Thank you, Senator Rogers. Mr. Speaker, members, one thing we have to understand here, I truly believe that the time has come for the state to take over management of this plan. Now Senator Schmit has time, after time pulled me off of this bill with his arguments, made very strongly. But that was three years ago and every year, for the last three years, and I think this has been before the body before that, so it's not like this is something we're jumping into and acting on without a lot of thought. There have been many hearings on this, much discussion has taken place. Now I, personally, prefer Senator Beutler's amendment. But I think the body should