

February 11, 1992 LB 21

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. Anyone else wishing to discuss the motion to return by Senator Moore? Seeing no one, Senator Moore, do you wish to close?

SENATOR MOORE: Yes, if could, Mr. Speaker. You know, Senator Coordsen is right, the Beutler amendment, by itself, may never in actuality ever come into play. But I think that the two reasons that I wanted to file the motion is, one, is that, as I mentioned, not because it was Senator Beutler's fault, because he was very forthright in what he did. But, basically, you added a whole new section, about a whole new section of law into this bill on Select File with very little debate. That happens often in this body, and I'm not faulting Senator Beutler for that. When we did that, Senator Coordsen is correct, that it may not make a difference. I will contest, once again, it was a marked change in how we make water policy, as to where it comes from. Yes, there was a hearing where the adjoining board and people affected can go to the department and say their two bits. But as previously, when a groundwater protection area was created, an additional tax levy was possibly levied, whereas before their representatives would have to give consent, with the Beutler amendment, they no longer have to. And that is, in principle, a major difference in how we develop water policy in the State of Nebraska. Though in actuality Senator Coordsen is right in this particular case, it may not ever come to play. But, nevertheless, I think it is something that is important enough to raise. And, with that, Mr. Speaker, I'd withdraw the amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: The motion is withdrawn. Members, please return to your seats so that we may proceed with the Final Reading of LB 21. Please return to your seats. Members, please return to your seats so that we may read LB 21. Mr. Clerk, LB 21.

CLERK: (Read LB 21 on Final Reading.)

SPEAKER BAACK: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB 21 pass? All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Read record vote as found on page 777 of the Legislative Journal.) 32 ayes, 6 nays, 4 present and not voting, 7 excused and not voting, Mr. President.