

against studies, but it always seems like an interim study is an attempt or a way of getting rid of a bill, or getting rid of something that you don't want. And so that's the point that I'm making at this time. If you want another interim....Thank you, Senator Johnson, you've been very patient with me. If you want another interim study, I guess someone could introduce one. And perhaps at that time you should make sure that the municipalities and those people who are supporting this concept would come in and be part of that study. But also I have a quick question for Senator Beutler, I want to reinforce one thing I thought I heard him say. Senator Beutler, are you back there?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes.

SENATOR CROSBY: Okay. Chris, tell me, did you not say that in the mean time with all the discussion of this bill, you have had a meeting that culminated in this amendment? Am I right?

SENATOR BEUTLER: That's...that's right, not just one meeting, there's been a series of meetings with lawyers for the Corn Growers and the Cattlemen's Association and the Farm Bureau, and we worked through a series of, I don't know, eight or nine different amendments about different aspects of the bill they were concerned about. And that's...that's what's been incorporated in this amendment. I think we're following the fairly traditional process of getting together the main public interest groups, these public interest groups being on the agricultural side, and trying to bring them all together to assuage their doubts and their confusion.

SENATOR CROSBY: Okay, thank you, Senator Beutler. I guess, as I say, it just makes the point again that the bill has been here for a whole year, and there's been an interim study, and there has continued to be...

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PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR CROSBY: ...meetings and conferences with both sides included in those conferences and discussions. So I'm not...if you want another interim study, if Senator Beutler and the other people agree to that, I'll go for that. But I think that we get to the point water, taxes, all these things, they keep coming