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SENATOR HARTNETT: Thank you.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Hartnett and Senator Beutler. Senator Stuhr, followed by Senator Elmer.

SENATOR STUHR: Thank you, Senator Hall and members of the body. I have several questions I would like to address to Senator Elmer.

SENATOR HALL: Senator Elmer, would you respond please.

SENATOR ELMER: Of course.

SENATOR STUHR: Particularly on Section 4, number 4, conducting investigations and cooperate or contract with agencies. No, excuse me, number 5, the contamination of the materials in ground water. Could you explain to me that section and then also Section 6.

SENATOR ELMER: I'll do the best I can. Of course, that's current law, that's what's in the section now.

SENATOR STUHR: Okay.

SENATOR ELMER: This is part of the ongoing participation in the Clean Water Acts to keep the water that is in our aquifers as clean as possible for our future generations, and that is fleshed out a great deal by the Department of Water Resources and NRD rules and regulations.

SENATOR STUHR: Okay. Particularly pertaining to nitrates.

SENATOR ELMER: Nitrates, chemical contaminants, any type of foreign material that might be in the water. Of course, the largest contaminant in the water is always sediment or something like that. But this has to do with small quantities of perhaps alachlor or atrazine or carbon tetrachloride or whatever might have been accidentally released into the environment and penetrated the water table.

SENATOR STUHR: And then Section 6 relates to Section 5 or all of the other areas relating to meters and...

SENATOR ELMER: Yeah, these...this is part of the empowerment