

April 26, 1995

LB 106

Schellpeper voting aye.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: We are accepting call-in votes. The question before you is, shall debate cease?

CLERK: Senator Brashear voting aye. Senator Schrock voting aye.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Please record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 5 nays to cease debate.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Debate ceases. The Chair recognizes Senator Beutler to close.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Madam President and members of the Legislature, the operating principle by which we all agreed to play this game was that what ought to be exempt is that which enters into and becomes an ingredient or component part of property manufactured process or fabricated, that which enters into and becomes a component part of. And I submit to you it's patently ridiculous to say that an insecticide is a component part of the final product. That is such an abuse of the process that I just don't think you can, in good conscience, vote for that. It's interesting to note that besides that basic principle there are one, two, three, four, five other exemptions listed in that part of the statutes. The first one is any form of animal life. The second one has to do with feed for any form of animal life. The third has to do with seeds and annual plants. The fourth has to do with agricultural chemicals for use in agriculture and applied to ground or crops. The fifth has to do with oxygen for use in agriculture, and that's the end of the list. I think one has to begin to ask themselves whether the principle is being fairly applied to everybody or whether, not by virtue of history and the predominance of certain elements in this Legislature, there has not been a serious skewing of the basic principle in favor of certain interests. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator. The question before you is the adoption of the Beutler amendment to LB 106. All those in favor vote aye. All those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Please record. There's been a request for a record vote.