

amendment is inappropriate. Why would you want to take all of this good work that's been done over the last couple of years, in terms of consolidating the act and making it more useful to people, and wipe that out simply because Kansas didn't file a lawsuit? I mean all of that law that you would wipe out, all this consolidation...

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...and clarification that you would wipe out has to do with existing law, nothing to do with Kansas, has to do with regulating ground water use for ground water quality in areas where they're having problems with ground water quality, like the Central Platte. It would apply to the Upper Republican, where they have a district that manages water because they don't have enough of it for people to use. So there's a lot of good in this bill that would be wiped out by this amendment. So I've talked about the three major parts, and when I get more time I'm going to come back and start talking about then these new powers and this two-track system and how these things work together, and hopefully we can start to clarify that a little bit for you. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Madam President. And, Senator Beutler, part of the difficulties we have sometimes on our process is that we get immediately to amendments, so we begin to focus on particular issues rather than having enough time in the beginning to follow through on the historical and a good explanation of the bill. So to be germane to the amendment, I appreciate Senator Brashear for offering it, I will be voting against it, but will yield the rest of my time to you, so you can continue that dialogue that you began.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator, thank you very much. Okay, let's go on and talk a little bit about this new power, this new power that the NRDs would have and this new power that LWR would have. And essentially, because we were so concerned in the council about state power versus local power, we set up a two-track system, a two-track procedural system. And one of those systems is controlled by the NRD ultimately, and the other track is controlled by DWR. So which track are we on, or how do we get