

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Dierks would move to return the bill for purposes of striking the enacting clause.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Chair would recognize Senator Dierks to open on his motion.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature. I'll tell you up front I intend to withdraw the amendment. I wanted to be able to speak to it. I'll leave it up so that Senator Beutler can visit about it after I'm through, or anybody else that wants to. I just have to remind the body one more time of the import that this bill has to all of Nebraska. I feel very strongly that it's a mistake. I feel very strongly that we provide Kansas with the necessary ingredients they need, with the passage of this law, to do a lawsuit against Nebraska. And I feel very strongly that they don't have that ability today. This legislation has drawn the support of a number of farm groups, but it's also drawn the opposition of a number of farm groups. Those farm groups who have supported, that have a membership in my district, I've heard from none of them asking me to support this bill, none from the Cattlemen, none from the Farm Bureau, and none from the Corn Growers from my district. I suspect that maybe that I could now after mentioning that, but I haven't to this point. But I have certainly heard from an awful lot of people in my district who do not want this legislation. And I'll have to admit that the amendments we put on and debate here on this floor have helped the bill, so are the amendments that were put on by the committee. But I still have big problems with the whole concept of providing language in our law that calls for conjunctive use. I think it's bad policy, I think it bodes ill for all of Nebraska. We are doing this to the largest industry in our state, and I have great objections to that. With that, I'll sign off and I'll let whoever else has something to say about it do that, then I'll withdraw the amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Jones.

SENATOR JONES: Mr. President and members of the body, I just wanted to make a few short comments about it. I sit on the Natural Resource and I went through a lot of the hearings, and I still can't support LB 108. I don't think we have enough data to pass a comprehensive bill like this, that we just don't have