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where are, because they might have got the property and didn't even realize there was one there. So that...that is a problem, but I still think that it should be addressed in a different issue at a different time and see if we can do something about it. Another thing with this here is oil wells are doing this on their own and trying to solve the problem. With the stock wells, we got NRDs involved and there is some tax dollars going into that from the NRDs to try to help close these abandoned wells. So we got two different things happening here, so I don't think that tax dollars should be involved in the same bill that's dealing with something on their own from the oil wells. So thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Jones. Chair recognizes Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Members of the Legislature, just two or three things. Those of you who know me know also that I think public hearings are very important, especially when you're dealing with a very broad and important topic, and the amendment will be withdrawn. But I think there are some things that we really need to think about a lot in how we treat one industry and another industry and how we clean up the environment. And I think we have to think about it more today because of the pressure of 413 and a large body of the population out there that thinks we're spending too much money. Let me talk just a minute about the idea of soft government versus the idea of hard government, if you want to make that kind of distinction. But there are two ways of going about things in government, you can identify something that needs to be done, whether it pertains to the environment or some other area, and you can simply say to citizens, we need to do this, folks; we really need to do this, so do it. Or you can say to citizens, we really need to do this, folks; we really need to do this, so we're going to pay you to do it. Now, obviously when we say to folks we're going to pay you to do it, that's kind of soft government. Government is pitching in to do that which needs to be done. Telling folks just to do it, that's a harder form of government. But we have often gone to the softer form of government. In many, many cases you'll see them, as the legislative session progresses, to soften the directive to citizens to do the things that we need to do. And the cost of that has been enormous. The example