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that's here before you today is the Water Well Decommissioning Fund, which already exists, but it's state sales and income tax money going into a fund that's then distributed to NRDs, who then pay half the cost of plugging...half or more of the cost of plugging water wells throughout the state, so the state pays half the cost. The question is, should those who create the problem not be paying all of the cost? Or, should we be paying half the cost for everybody that has a similar kind of problem? Here's the Oil and Gas Commission. Why didn't they come in here and ask us, out of sales and income tax money, to put 50 percent of the cost of plugging those wells into the fund? Because they're oil and gas? Because...I don't know. Because maybe they thought it was the responsible thing to do, since they dug the wells, that they should fill the wells, and that it was not burdensome on the part of government to simply say to them, we...you have to look at your business as a whole, the beginning, the middle, the end. All parts of it have to be taken care of. That's a part of the cost of doing business and government shouldn't be putting money into those efforts. So I'm hoping that in some time in the near future that we will plug those water wells and we'll have to make a decision about how it gets done. But the mechanism that's before you today suggests a fair way of getting a contribution from those who dug the wells rather than assessing the general public and creating and exacerbating the 413 problem for us, which may some day catch up with us. So I hope you will...I hope you will think about that,...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...and I will bring you a bill next year structured along these lines and then we can have this debate again in that context in a fair way and not try to piggyback on Senator Matzke's little vehicle. And so, with that, Mr. President, I would withdraw the amendment.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator. The amendment is withdrawn. We are back to a motion to advance LB 293. Seeing no lights, Senator Matzke is recognized to close on LB 293.

SENATOR MATZKE: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Legislature. I appreciate the comments of Senator Beutler. I