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trying to get at the swine operations, this is going to affect cattle much worse than it does the hog operations. So I am very much opposed to this amendment. It's not needed. It's going after an industry who's been out there for a long, long time. They've been very helpful to that area out there and I would hate to see it have to cut back if they want to. The Dinklage corporation that is in Cuming County has several operations out there, and I think there's a lot...a lot more of them also, but it's just an area that we should not be trying to clamp down on. So when you're trying to do one area you affect another area, and so this amendment definitely would hurt the cattle industry in that area. I oppose the amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Schellpeper. Further discussion, Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator (sic) Maurstad, members of the Legislature, let's be...let's be clear about a couple of things. Somebody said on the floor that this affected everybody in the state of Nebraska, all the livestock people in the state of Nebraska. This amendment and this bill deals only with class A, cold water, class A trout stream areas, so not this amendment nor anything else we're dealing with has any affect on anybody outside of those half a dozen to a dozen areas. And, Senator Schrock, let me...let me ask you this, if I may.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Schrock, would you yield?

SENATOR SCHROCK: Yes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: The bill started out as a committee bill and it started out with the proposition that there should be no more class II, class III, or class IV operations in these areas, and presumably the thinking was that that is what was necessary in order to protect those streams. Then, apparently, you got some input from the livestock industry that there were certain operations that existed out there and let's be clear again that this amendment doesn't cut back any operations. It just is a question of the degree of expansion allowed. But you got the input that there were existing operations out there. Then, at that point, looking at it from the other side, was there any testimony about the quality of those trout streams at that point