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haphazardly or routinely looking at one segment or another of a stream here or there in a basin, when your workers were in that basin, you probably would not hit the trout stream. There would be no monitoring of the trout streams, except maybe once here and there and in 10, or 15, or 20 years. All this amendment suggests is that you take a look at them, as you go around once every five years, and see how things are going. And, if there appear to be any problems, which hopefully there would not be, alert the NRDs to the problem. Sometimes what goes on in this society is that we gather information and we have it on the one hand, but the people who really need it don't have it. And so this amendment suggests what should be a very normal thing, and hopefully is a normal thing, that the information be communicated to the NRDs with the idea that their assistance is going to be necessary, if the pollution is coming from a waste facility, or if it's coming from chemically applied...chemical applications of nitrate...of nitrogen or of phosphorous, because once the trout stream begins to be "degraded" by either of those particular items,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...if the idea is to protect the trout stream, it doesn't really matter which item it is, does it? The phosphorous, from one source, is as bad as the phosphorous from another source. And so, logically, it seems to me that we should be paying attention, we have to pay attention if there's any logic to this bill at all, we have to pay attention to whatever the source of the degrading component might be. And so it would make some sense, but it certainly makes only limited sense to address, in this situation, just animal waste without addressing those other kinds of applications that contribute the same degrading elements to surface water quality as does animal waste.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. I'd like to take this opportunity, in the north balcony there are 67 eighth graders, students from Mary Our Queen, of Omaha, with teachers