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know exactly what's happening to our surface water, and we're already doing this, we've gotten there. Good news from my perspective, and I think should be good news for you, the NRDs over the last ten years have expanded their monitoring programs on ground water and I think are doing, by and large, a very good job at that right now. So we know what's happening to our ground water. We know qualitywise and quantitywise to a certain extent what's happening to the ground water, not that we couldn't do better on the quality side, but with surface water, we don't know a lot yet and so this is filling in one of the gaps in our monitoring program and I can say if we have this that Nebraska is probably doing as well as anybody in the country in terms of their overall management and the front end of management, the monitoring, of both ground and surface water. So I hope you see this as a good balancing amendment for this type of a bill. I think it's somebody...I think it's an amendment that's to everybody's advantage. So with that I would leave it for your questions.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. We are now discussing the Beutler amendment, AM1425, to LB 822. Those wishing to speak are Senators Tyson, Senator Schrock, Jensen, and Senator Vrtiska. Senator Tyson.

SENATOR TYSON: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. I would, if I may, address a question to Senator Beutler.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Beutler, will you yield?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Sure.

SENATOR TYSON: Senator Beutler, I can take the...I have no difficulty with Section 5. It's...I'm looking at page 157 of the biennial budget, and I'm looking at \$57 million now in DEQ and wanting to know why they can't in terms...in times of straited circumstances do what you want them to do, and which may be a good thing, but why they can't do it out of the budget they have now?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, Senator, to the best of my knowledge, they're using...they're using wisely the budget that they do have now, and I think that the things they are doing are the