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that they have internally decided or structured internally, and it's not the intent of this amendment to change that.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: What this amendment...the only thing that this amendment does is allow them, basically, some lab expenses for doing further analysis of the samples they already take, so that some of the very important things that we should be sampling for are, in fact, sampled for and that's all this money would be able to do. Does that answer your question adequately?

SENATOR SCHROCK: I think it's helpful. Like I said, I'm probably a little more comfortable giving some of this latitude to DEQ, but the intent of this amendment, I think, and your direction is the right way to go, right way for us to be when it comes...and as I travel rural areas of Nebraska, one of the main concerns that I have is, what people tell me is, we want to protect the waters of this state. I think that's almost universal in this state and especially in rural areas. And so to the extent that we are asking this body today to...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time. Thank you, Senator Schrock. Those senators wishing to speak to the amendment are Senators Janssen, Vrtiska, Tyson, Beutler, Wehrbein, and Senator Schrock. Senator Janssen.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Senator Cudaback and colleagues. Senator Beutler, could I carry on a little dialogue with you here, please?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Beutler, would you yield?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Sure.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Senator Beutler, I'm sure you're well aware of some of the testing of water wells and so on that the federal government has imposed on all states. Whether you have that type of problems in your water or not, you still have to test for it, and I think they have...Senator Kerrey and some other people have taken care of that, that, you know, that in Nebraska you didn't have to test for copper content because there was