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with its intended uses, but when it comes to the question of whether in a particular land area of the state, it is appropriate to use fertilizers even within the description of the label, is a question that should be determined by the natural resource districts. And what we're doing with this amendment is perpetrating and expanding, changing current law and expanding so as to protect the interest of pesticide manufacturers and distributors by leaving it in the Department of Agriculture where they feel that they can influence whether or not any particular NRD is going to be able to affect their product. And that's simply not local control. It doesn't make sense in terms of an integrated management of an area. I understand that there's been great cooperation between the NRDs and agriculture on this issue to date, and I'm glad to hear that. But if the situation ever arises where the Department of Agriculture is interfering with an NRD's best management practices as perceived by that NRD and precluding the rate and timing of the application of pesticides, the issue is going to come back here to the Legislature again because they shouldn't be doing that. Input, fine. Controlling, they really shouldn't be controlling.

SPEAKER BROMM PRESIDING

SPEAKER BROMM: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: And not only does this committee amendment back out what the bill proposes to do with regard to the rate of pesticide applications but it actually changes current law which says that with regard to the timing of pesticide application, that that's a best management practice that can be controlled by the NRDs. So it is, in a sense, attempting to make law clearer on the manufacturer's, pesticide manufacturer's side of the issue. And federal law does not require that it be in the Department of Agriculture. If you want to change this today, I have the amendment that will change it for you immediately. All you do is change 2-2625 to say that local ordinances and resolutions of the NRDs can affect the timing and application of pesticides, and that's what the law should be. But I don't want to interfere with...