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Stuhr, you're recognized.

SENATOR STUHR: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I just rise to support this amendment. I think it is...certainly allows some choice by using the university personnel, or certified crop consultant. Which, as Senator Schrock mentioned, many of us use on our farms right now. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Stuhr. Senator Raikes on AMO238.

SENATOR RAIKES: Thank you, Mr. President, members. Senator Schrock, a question for you. You mentioned that the...currently, I believe, the Central Platte NRD would be the only one that this would apply to. Is that correct?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Would you yield, Senator Schrock?

SENATOR SCHROCK: That is correct.

SENATOR RAIKES: What...under what circumstances would this also apply to other NRDs?

SENATOR SCHROCK: If other NRDs find isolated areas in their management areas, where the nitrate levels are rising and seem to be somewhat out of control, and they feel that they have areas that need management, they could do this also. Typically, these areas are found in places where there are shallow, sandy soils, and where mismanagement of fertilizer practice has taken place. And as I told the body when this bill was on General File, center pivots are sometimes resolving some of these issues. So I would hope that the areas needing this legislation would not expand. And hopefully we're reversing the trend of nitrate contaminants in our groundwater.

SENATOR RAIKES: But the controlling factor would be maybe a series of groundwater tests which would show a level of nitrates in the groundwater above some target, or some threshold. Is that correct?