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SENATOR THOMPSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I yield my time to Senator Beutler.

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Beutler, would you like the time?

SENATOR BEUTLER: I would, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Senator Thompson. Senator Schrock, if I might, I want to get off the amendment and into other sections of the bill. The debate is going to come to a close in 12 minutes or so, but I wanted to skim the rest of the bill and understand what you and the committee are trying to do so I can think about that overnight. But let me ask you, with regard to page 2 and some of that material in the bill, with respect to the construction of these reservoirs, holding ponds, and lagoons, you seem to be trying to straighten out the regulation as between the Department of Natural Resources and the Department of Environmental Quality. Are you...just answer me this: Are you taking away any authority that the Department of Environmental Quality currently has with respect to the quality of these constructions?

SENATOR SCHROCK: (Microphone malfunction) No, Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. And all of that material is, as it seemed to me, a straightening out of lines of authority, and streamlining it somewhat, and that sort of business? Is it...?

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Schrock. I'm sorry. Are you asking Senator Schrock a question?

SENATOR BEUTLER: I am, Senator. I beg your pardon.

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Schrock, would you yield, please?

SENATOR SCHROCK: Yes, I will, Mr. Speaker. Yes, that's correct, Senator Beutler. This is just a cleaning up of the statutes. It's something that's needed to be done. I think it was brought to us originally two years ago.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. Then turn with me to page 9 of the bill, and...to page 9 of the committee amendment, which is the