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particularly on the small facilities. I don't know if I can fully answer your question, but I understand what you're trying to do in, rather than having voluntary reportage by the facility operator, you're having DEQ take more of a hands-on role. And that makes sense and I see that from your view and probably from my view. That's not what the NDEQ is wanting to do and I think, since it's their bill, they wrote the bill so that they would have less time, less personnel involved.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator, thank you. I think I'm out of time and I'll return to the issue momentarily. Thank you, Senator Cudaback.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Jones, followed by Senator Burling, Vrtiska, and Schrock.

SENATOR JONES: Mr. President and members of the body, I want to stand up and talk about this amendment a little bit. The way I see it here, I'm going to have to oppose the amendment. I'm concerned about the requirement of the operator each year. Now, what I think is going to happen here is we're trying to target the big operator and we're actually going to be targeting the small operator, and they're going to throw up their hands and just say they're not going to mess with it anymore, but that's what it looks like to me. I know a lot of this here is just verbiage that's already in there, but it does hit the small operator the way I read it. And the change I'm talking about here on...is that on the nutrients on the soil too? And I don't understand that. I'd like to ask Senator Preister a question on it there.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Preister, would you yield to a question from Senator Jones?

SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you, Mr. President. Yes, I will yield to a question.

SENATOR JONES: Senator Preister, a lot times, you know, if you put the nutrients on the ground, you spoke about that a little bit ago, the phosphorous and the nitrogen, corn uses up nitrogen real well but they don't use up the phosphorous, and we have it