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SENATOR BEUTLER: I'm just pausing, Senator. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you. I'm sorry.

SENATOR BEUTLER: The amendment, just to acquaint you with the amendment, was a vehicle for asking for a dialogue with Senator Landis on a particular division...portion of the bill. And I want to go through several portions of this bill, because I think they all need to be understood in order to know how the bill operates. The amendment has to do with who can be a holder of an environmental covenant. And the definition that's provided in Section 4 of the bill, on page 2, if you're interested, line 21, it says, any person may be a holder. When you look at the definition of "person," it includes individuals, corporations, business, trusts, et cetera. And then it says, government, government subdivisions, agency, or instrumentality. So it appears to say, then, in the basic rule, that any person, including possibly a government entity, may be a holder. But if you read down into the next sentence, it says, the state of Nebraska, a municipality, or another unit of local government may not be a holder. And my amendment, pending a better understanding of the relationship between the definition of "person" and the apparently contradictory sentence in Section 4 with respect to governmental entities, my amendment would strike that sentence beginning on line 22 of page 2. Now, maybe this is clearer than I understand at this moment in time. So Senator Landis, I would ask you--and if I need to repeat my dilemma I will--but I would ask you if there's not some kind of conflict here as to who a holder may be.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Senator Beutler, the bill originally, as introduced last year, didn't have this language in it that said the state couldn't be a holder. It does have it this...in that...amendment in it this year, and it's written in the green copy. It came from the concerns of the Natural Resources Committee last year, and I think Senator Preister most specifically, that the state of Nebraska not be a holder,...