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Current language states that the commercial applicator must apply for a license. Section 9 is similar. It says...specifies that a noncommercial applicator must have a license. Current language, again, says that they only have to apply for the license. Section 12 specifies that it is a violation of the act to use an emergency-use pesticide contrary to the provisions of the permit. That is the more substantial changes, a couple places where it just deletes some sections and "renumerates" some sections. But that basically is what's been brought to us by the Department of Agriculture to bring up to date the Nebraska Pesticide Act. Thank you. I'd be glad to answer any questions.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Kremer. You've heard the opening on LB 874. Open for discussion. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature, I want to have a little dialogue with Senator Kremer, if I could, on one section of the bill. It is a section that's difficult to understand. For those of you who would like to follow the discussion, it's the section on page 16 that starts on line 20, page 16, line 20, which has to do with state management plans and pesticide management plans. And the old law said that management plans and pesticide management plans may impose progressively more rigorous pesticide management practices, as pesticides are detected in ground water or surface water at increasing fractions of the standards adopted by the Department of Environmental Quality. Then some new language has been added which leaves the old standard with respect to water; that is, any increasing fraction of the standards can be taken into account, but seems to set up an additional standard or supplemental standard that's different for things that do not involve the gradation of ground water or surface water. And I wanted to be sure I understood what is happening in this particular instance, so Senator Kremer, if I could have a short dialogue with you. You and I have talked some already and I've indicated to you I had prepared an amendment, and I've indicated to you that I don't feel sure enough about the amendment to offer it, so I won't be offering it. But I would certainly like to make a record and perhaps retain the right to work with you on Select File on something.