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communities, as they develop comprehensive plans, they can make arrangements to include green space in their comprehensive plan of how they develop their communities. And as you look at storm water, storm water is an issue basically of imperviable surfaces, whether it's streets, parking lots, rooftops, building tops. We've heard of church tops. As...my idea of storm water, yes, it's a federal mandate and yes, we have to address it. But I think in the future we need to look at how we have urban development, to how we're going to address storm water. And with that, I'd say it's not a state issue.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, it's not a state issue. And how did you compare it to that section of the bill that gives \$5 million to NRDs to deal with the federal compact? I mean, a federal compact, a federal law--they're just two different kinds of federal law. How did you distinguish those two things?

SENATOR LANGEMEIER: Had not got to striking that yet.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. Well, once you get to thinking about that, does it make you want to withdraw your amendment?

SENATOR LANGEMEIER: Probably not. Probably willing to add another one.

SENATOR BEUTLER: (Laugh) Oh, you are willing to add another one?

SENATOR LANGEMEIER: I'm up for the entertaining of that discussion, yes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. Well, in the Natural Resources Committee the Chairman, I believe, has been struggling mightily to deal with storm water, as was proposed by the cities in the first instance, not taking General Fund money, but simply saying to the state, give us authority. Give us authority to levy fees based upon the amount of storm water and impervious surfaces, based upon who's causing how much of the problem, and let us just charge a local fee to local people, and we'll take care of our own problem. And that's the solution I favor, to storm water. But the Chair, unable to do that, has offered this as an