

Rep. McNamara, you have outdone yourself.

We now have the Pretend Games, Act 2.

Pretend that all is well for pollinators. Pretend, then you don't have to do anything. And you don't.

Pretend that our metro area is not getting ready to go into non attainment for ozone pollution. Pretend, then you don't have to do anything. And you don't.

Pretend that folks in the metro don't have a very costly health problem because of too many fine particulates in the air. Pretend, then you don't have to do anything. And you don't.

Pretend that all is well with our waters. Then you don't have to do anything. Oh, but you do do something here don't you.

You help out those who want to use more than their fair share of ground water, the drinking water source for 75% of Minnesotans.

Pretend that we don't have a problem with nitrogen in our drinking water even though your own Dakota County reports that 27% of the private wells tested in the rural parts of the county contain nitrate that **exceeds** the safe drinking water standard and your Hastings public works has struggled for years to provide good drinking water because there is too much nitrogen in its drinking water source.

Pretend there is no nitrogen problem and then include Rep. Fabian's bill that would allow either the house or the Senate to veto any nitrogen standard that would protect our waters. Fortunately for those of us who actually want to protect our waters, Rep. Fabian's wild-eyed bill doesn't work. This legislature doesn't have the power to reach up from this floor and veto part of the Federal Clean Water act that requires our executive branch to not let nitrogen get out of control in our waters.

The Minnesota Constitution is very specific about the powers it allocates. It does allow the Governor to veto. There is no authority for this legislature to veto. And more to the point article three of our constitution says and I quote, "No person or persons belonging to or constituting one of these departments (that is the executive, legislative and judicial) shall exercise any of the powers properly

belonging to either of the others except in the instances **expressly provided** in the constitution." Enough said.

Pretend, Rep. McNamara. Then you can let the next generation fix the problems that you wouldn't fix. Pretend, Rep. McNamara. Then you can let the next generation pay the tab for problems they didn't create. Pretend. Then you can even take away the money that was set aside to clean up some of the problems. Rep. McNamara, you do that more than once but your biggest money grab is taking \$13.3 million from the Closed Landfill Investment Fund.

The Closed Landfill Investment Fund was created to take care of 109 closed landfills. The garbage and contamination in them doesn't go away. Some of the mess was created by us and some earlier but it certainly wasn't created by the next generation. The projected cost of caring for these old landfills is \$172.9 million dollars. So, why in this time of surplus, Rep. McNamara should you ask the next generation pay for a mess that they didn't create.

The pretend games Act 2 now playing at the Minnesota House of Representatives.