

constitutional protections for ground water users too. The takings law...

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ..certainly, I think, would apply, in my opinion at least, to this kind of ground water use. However, it probably wouldn't apply until you get to the level of there not being some kind of economic use for the property without the right. Where the courts are these days on takings and where our court would be on it, I think probably is a matter of some surmise and speculation on the part of people who take an interest in that sort of right. But I think they, too, have rights. It probably doesn't rise to quite the same level as those of the surface water appropriators.

SENATOR STUHR: Okay. Thank you. I'm going to continue to listen to the debate with a great deal of concern because I believe this is one of the most important bills that we will be discussing during this legislative session. So, I will close.

SENATOR CROSBY: Time.

SENATOR STUHR: Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Stuhr. Senator Beutler. Senator Beutler? Senator Beutler, your light was next.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Oh, I'm sorry. I'll pass, Senator Crosby.

SENATOR CROSBY: All right. Senator Klein.

SENATOR KLEIN: Thank you, Madam Chairman. I will yield my time to Senator Dierks.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you, Senator Klein. Madam President, members of the Legislature, I'd like to continue my dialogue with Senator Elmer for a moment if I may.

SENATOR ELMER: Certainly, Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: We were talking about ground water pumping in