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compact it; maybe you were building a railroad track roadbed, that would not be under the Department of Roads, but I can tell you the road contractors wanted...would have like to have seen 50 acre-feet of water rather than 10 acre-feet of water.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR SCHROCK: The most practical use for them to get water for compacting on road projects is to get a farmer with an irrigation well pump the water because they can pump all the water they want out of that unless, of course, they are in the Upper Republican NRD.

SENATOR BEUTLER: The...the public use, does that mean that the use has to be for some construction that is being done by a public entity of one sort or another? Is that what public use means in this context?

SENATOR SCHROCK: It has to be used for public use and not for private use, so we assume that what you are stating is correct.

SENATOR BEUTLER: That the construction is being done by or on behalf of or for a public entity of one sort or another?

SENATOR SCHROCK: Yes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, and then when it describes the temporary permit, one of the things I noticed...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Time. Senator Beutler, you may continue.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...one of the things that I noticed that it...that it didn't describe what the length of the...the proposed length of the diversion. Would that be of any...wouldn't that be of some interest to somebody who is granting the permit? What is temporary, I guess, under or what is intended as temporary under the bill?

SENATOR SCHROCK: Senator Beutler, I think the amount of water used is probably more critical than the time that it is consumed in, but you raise an issue that I suppose we could address. I