is that we ought to take a look at the effect of very
large withdrawals of ground water before rather than
after the fact. Thank you and I will be happy to respond
to any questions that you might have.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Beutler and then Senator Kahle.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I will waive my right to speak here,
Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. Speaker, members, maybe a question or
two of Senator Cullan, if he would yield please.

SENATOR CULLAN: Oh, excuse me, yes.

SENATOR KAHLE: Senator Cullan, I haven't been privy to
some of the information that you have had with the relation
to the Public Works Committee and the water, but do we have
a like restriction on municipalities?

SENATOR CULLAN: The municipalities undergo a permitting pro-
cess and, of course, under our preference system, munici-
palities have the highest priority. The thing that this
bill does and the way it does impact municipalities is that
if all municipalities through their meters, of course, keep
track of domestic versus industrial use and this bill
does not exempt municipalities if they acquire water for
an industry, then they can fall under the provisions of
this act. So if a municipality goes out and tries to
circumvent this act by drilling a well field for an industry
that would use more than 5,000 or 3,000 acre feet of water,
then they would have to fall under this act. So to that
extent municipalities do fall under the act if they are
acquiring the water for an industrial user.

SENATOR KAHLE: How would you know, though, until it was
too late?

SENATOR CULLAN: The municipality, of course, could acquire
the water for domestic purposes but right now all muni-
cipalities are required or do keep track through their
metering process of whether it is an industrial or domestic
use.

SENATOR KAHLE: If they expanded their water supply and had
a surplus let's say of wells, at least, and this industrial
outfit wanted to come in and they decide to furnish the
water, they could without going through this process, could