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you wouldn't mess up my bill. Thank you very much and I urge you to vote against the Beutler amendment.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I rise to support Senator Cullan and to oppose the Beutler amendment as there is quite a big difference in using water to raise food and in using water to move coal or in manufacturing something material and I think the two should be absolutely separate. Your agriculture water use bills should be in bills that relate to agriculture. They should not be mixed up with industrial bills and I rise to oppose the amendment and that we support 56 in its original form and let the Public Works Committee and the ag bills and the water bills fit together and not get them mixed up. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, those of you who have been around here know that sometimes you can go a whole session or two or three or four sessions and then out of the blue something is said, maybe from an unsuspecting or unexpected source and just, whamo, like that so much is said in such little time that has such impact that you just relook and rethink your entire position, your entire attitude, your entire philosophy on something. A few minutes ago that occurred for me and it hasn't happened here in a few years as far as I am concerned but when Senator Beutler stood up and in about five minutes said more on water than has been said on the floor on the water issue since I can remember, he pointed out a very simple little thing that we are doing that I should have been aware of, that I think every member of the Public Works Committee should have been aware of, that every member of the Legislature should now be aware of is that is if we go ahead with 56 in this form, a bill which I thought was kind of innocuous, kind of innocent, kind of good, becomes really maybe the precursor of a completely different attitude on water because we are apparently ineffectively destroying the correlative rights theory which is a foundation of everything we are doing on water in every piece of legislation we are dealing with. So I am not supporting Senator Beutler's amendment. I am supporting "Stop, look, listen, sober up and find out exactly what we are doing before we go ahead with 56", and I thought 56 was basically an innocent babe that didn't harm anybody and maybe humored the power boys and they had it in the form they could live with or didn't care about and Sam was happy and I thought it really