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do is mixing apples and oranges together, and I would think that if this amendment is adopted to LB 56, the bill is probably dead and I would oppose it. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I also oppose the Beutler amendment. I think basically for the reasons given by Senator DeCamp and I think it is imperative that we take a really good look at the bill. I was concerned about the bill in the move off of General File and discussed it just briefly with the sponsor. I think that there is very serious chance of jeopardy of the basic and long held correlative principle here, and if we move with the bill, we had better be awfully careful even with the amendments as proposed by Senator Cullan that we protect that right. I certainly agree with those people that have spoken in opposition to the Beutler amendment that it would be a very dangerous thing to mix that amendment with this bill and I would hope that we not adopt the Beutler amendment.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Burrows.

SENATOR BURROWS: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I feel I have to oppose the amendment for different reasons than have been given because the last three lines of the amendment were never spoken to and they exempt a public water supplier, as defined in Sections 46-638 which come under another permit, but in substance what this does, it exempts most of industry because most of industry comes through a public water supplier. They come up next to a town or city, hook onto the municipal water supply, and, thereby, are exempted from the provisions of this act. So we are turning a total U-turn with the bill and substantially exempting...at least exempting from the provisions of this act most of the industry in the state while we catch the irrigation wells. I think it would be in order to catch the irrigation wells but in no way to exempt industry that comes through a municipality to get its water. I would like to leave the remainder of my time to Senator Cullan, if the Chair would allow. Could I leave the remainder of my time to Senator Cullan?

PRESIDENT: Yes, you certainly may. Senator Cullan.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I would simply like to raise the concern expressed by Senator DeCamp and it surprised me to hear that Senator