

water. There is no problem with that. The problem is with the long term drawing down of the water and the effects of that drawdown on the whole area, on the broad area. It doesn't make any difference whether the use is real concentrated or whether it is wider if as long as the amount withdrawn is large, it will have the long term effect on the aquifer regardless of the degree of concentration. So that argument, I think, doesn't hold water. Let me point out to you, let me point out to you another thing. With regard to the factors that are to be considered by the Director of Water Resources when he considers whether the granting of this permit is in the public interest, he has to look at the effect of the withdrawal and any transfer of ground water on surface or ground water supplies needed to meet reasonably anticipated domestic and agricultural demands in the area of proposed ground water withdrawal. So he has to look at the effect on domestic and agricultural demands. And my amendment doesn't change that, my amendment doesn't change that. So if, for example, a large scale agricultural developer came in and wanted to get a permit, he doesn't have to compete with anticipated industrial uses. The Director doesn't have to look and see if it is going to affect possible industrial uses. I didn't change that part of the statute. What he has to look at is to see whether it affects other agricultural uses and domestic uses. So the amendment that I am proposing to you is essentially not for the protection of city and domestic supplies. They are protected all over the place in the law, and it is not for the protection of industrial uses. It is for the protection of the agricultural uses. It is for the protection of the existing agricultural uses and that is why I find it curious and ironic...

PRESIDENT: Time, Senator.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...that one rural Senator after another has stood up and opposed the amendment which is both logical and in the interest of the agricultural community. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The question is the adoption of the Beutler amendment to LB 56...that is the return for the specific amendment, return to Select File. The motion is to return to Select File for the Beutler amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Senator Beutler. How many are absent or excused? They are all here though because we are on Final Reading. They are supposed to all be here. Record the vote.

CLERK: 13 ayes, 28 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to