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of the water in the basin. Without those guidelines, I think that we are going to be in some real serious trouble. There is some language in the bill that I think needs some clarification, and I think it....you know, it's amazing. It looks like a simple little bill. It is not so simple. I think Senator Goodrich has got some good points. But I believe we need to be doing something along this line, but I think we have to look at the entire picture and we should address those guidelines within the basin before we unnecessarily adopt guidelines for the transfer between basins. There are some words in there that are new. I hope you would read the bill carefully, and I hope you would read it page by page, line by line and word by word, and see if you really want to put all of those descriptions in there that are at the present time included. I think it may come back to haunt us at a later date. I have not researched the bill thoroughly. I have only glanced at it a few times, but I am apprehensive about some of the intent language in the bill. So although I will oppose the kill motion at this time, I am going to ask Senator Beutler and other members who are supporting the bill to clarify the language in some instances. And thank you very much.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, obviously I oppose the kill motion. I would like to just speak momentarily and I am afraid I might repeat a little bit what others have said so I will be brief, but let's separate the real arguments from the arguments that are not real. Senator Kremer supported the kill motion. Senator Kremer comes from an area that is water poor, to say the least. I can understand that Senator Kremer philosophically is probably very much in favor of a policy that would be strongly in favor of allowing transfer, and I respect his position. And if you share the view that the policy should be strongly pro transfer, then you should vote for the kill motion. But if you are looking for a more balanced view, if you are looking for some protection of the basin of origin mixed in there, then don't vote for the kill motion and work with the bill, because that is what the bill seeks to do. Although we can have differing opinions as to how far it goes in one direction or another, it does, in fact, strike a kind of balance. That is the real argument. That is the real question. Now all this business about litigation is just a bunch of bunk. Senator Goodrich says to you, let's not do anything while we are in the process of litigation. But, my friends, there are now two more applications filed with the Commissioner...with the Director, that are going to be in litigation for the next