

SENATOR CLARK: I would have to agree to that because I got one on my desk. Senator Haberman, do you have one now? Would the Page get Senator Haberman a copy of the amendment? Senator Beutler is the next speaker.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I just wanted to come back for a moment to where I was when I left off and I was getting to the Vickers amendment and why it is important to look at these things and for the NRD to look at this question at the time that it sets up the management area because at the time it sets up the management area it is heading down a road and politically speaking, there is going to be no turning back once it heads down that road. And the first thing it has to decide when it is standing at the foot of the hill and looking up the road is what kind of life goal are we setting out for this aquifer? What do we know? What is our objective? Senator Vickers' amendment has been misunderstood by the speakers who have previously spoken. Senator Vickers' amendment does not say that you cut off people who are irrigating or that you do not use water in an aquifer that is not re-chargable. It says that the life goal will be indefinite, consistent with beneficial use. To some extent it is saying the same thing that the original draft said but it is making a stronger statement by this Legislature as to what we would ideally like those NRDs to achieve and where it is technically feasible I think we are unanimous in this body that we would like them to achieve what is known as a sustained yield so that the stability of agriculture is assured over not just a ten or twenty year period, but over a hundred or two hundred year period, and this amendment and eight to ten other amendments that we're going to be talking about all direct themselves to this concept of a management area, all direct themselves to assuring that the management area concept is indeed another valuable management tool and not a vehicle for obstruction and I think that we have to be very careful in that regard and that is why I hope you will listen very carefully to the amendments as they come up one by one. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Schmit again, please.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well you know, Senator Beutler, when you said you were going to try to explain it I thought you were going to say so that even I could understand it and I hope that I understand by now the language that Senator Vickers has proposed. You say it makes, there is very little difference. I want to just suggest to you we have heard that term used hundreds of times on this floor and I can tell you that my experience over the years is that when someone comes in with a very little difference on an amendment or