

the argument can be made that we're proceeding backwards in fact, that two years ago we amended the ground water act so that we could look to the future and now we're amending it again so we can't look to the future anymore. Now we're going to say that beneficial use and correlative rights we can only look at what exists and not at the future and if we're going to go backwards in that regard, we're going to be in a very bad way on this water issue. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: I would like to introduce two guests of Senator Lowell Johnson. They're under the North balcony, Mr. Frances Masten, Superintendent of Northbend Central Junior-Senior High School; Mr. Dale Meritt, principal of the Northbend Elementary School. Would you stand and be recognized please. Welcome to the Legislature. The question before the House is the adoption of the Beutler amendment to the Kremer amendment which once again only takes a simple majority. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay.

CLERK: Senator Clark voting no.

SENATOR CLARK: Have you all voted? One more time, have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 10 ayes, 20 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the Beutler amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: The motion lost. The next amendment to Section one.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment to Section one is by Senator Beutler. (Read Beutler amendment as found on page 352 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I'm going to be very quick on this one because it addresses an issue that we just addressed two minutes ago. Senator Vickers had prepared an amendment to the same one that I had. His we took up first. Mine doesn't go as far as his does in language. I want to present it to you briefly. It was a subject that was of interest to people in here and maybe the fact that it doesn't go nearly as far in the direction of Senator Vickers' amendment, it might find acceptance with you. Again it addresses the very important issue of what sort of attitude we're going to have towards ground water reservoirs and their life and I make a distinction between recharging and nonrecharging