

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Mr. President and members, I would like to rise in support of Senator Beutler's amendment and point out that this is not a rerun of the Vickers' amendment as Senator Schmit has indicated but it is really a nice compromise between what Senator Vickers was trying to do and what the current language of the Kremer amendments do. Now the reason it is really a compromise between the two concepts is that Senator Beutler's amendment indicates that if we have a rechargeable aquifer, you know, one that gets replenished with the annual rainfall every year, why then that is to be extended indefinitely and that makes sense because in that sort of situation we could try very hard to take only that amount each year that roughly approximates that which comes in but then it goes on to say that for non-rechargeable aquifers that are sealed off by a layer of clay or for some other reason are not rechargeable on an annual basis, why then we can draw that down and eventually use it up as Senator Schmit would like. So I think it is really unfair to say this is a rerun. I think it is a very clever and a very workable compromise between Senator Vickers' earlier proposal and the draft of LB 375 and I think if we really think this thing through as Senator Remmers and some others have done who have really concerned themselves with this particular issue, we'll see that we simply cannot just give up and go ahead and use the kind of language that Senator Schmit is advocating because by using Senator Schmit's language we're just throwing our hands up on the air and we're saying, well there is nothing we can do about it we might as well go ahead and run these things right on down to nothing and Senator Vickers and Senator Beutler and Senator Remmers and others are very concerned about this and I think that Senator Beutler's compromise here is a very appropriate one and one that this body should adopt. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Schmit. Senator Lamb, did you want to talk on this amendment? The question before the House then is the Beutler amendment. Would you like to close, Senator Beutler?

SENATOR BEUTLER: No, Mr. Speaker, we've been through all the arguments. I think people understand the arguments.

SENATOR CLARK: The question then is the adoption of the Beutler amendment, the number 2 amendment to Section one of the bill. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. It takes a simple majority.

CLERK: Senator Clark voting no.