

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I guess my comments or my thoughts are somewhat parallel in a sense to what Senator DeCamp has just said but, number one, I want to make it plain that I am voting no on some of these amendments because I think water legislation is too important to have a simple majority of those voting decide and I may well vote differently on a proposal at twenty-five votes to adopt than I will on a simple majority. Secondly, and I can agree with it totally, I can see the story, "Legislature Says Water to Last Thirty Years," and I would agree that is not the issue here, not at all, but it is being presented in that fashion. I can accept the concept that for planning purposes that a time period is put in but only if you include the full utilization of water diversion to extend that life period, the full use of dams for impoundment of water and recharge ground water, all of the other factors that are an intricate part of how long our water is going to last. To single out one portion of the issue and ignore the others it seems to me it would be an extreme mistake. The whole concept that I understood we started out six, seven years ago was that the water issue was going to at the extent possible, was going to be developed based upon the factual situation of the water in this state and that way we could not restrain or prevent the emotional arguments, that the basic decision would be on that basis. Now this morning I sense that we are doing an emotional thing that we are going to wipe out water in some definable period of time. The argument ought to be what factors ought to be considered, if you are going to do that, then the law ought to insist that every one of the things that we know have potential have to be taken into account assuming they will be done because that is what will cause them to be done, to maximize the use of available water most efficiently, and most beneficial, but only if you include them all. So I will not vote to put the one single factor disregarding all the other things of a simple one-thirtieth, one hundred year or two hundred year but what I will support at a point when there is an amendment that the time frame must take into account all of the possible alternatives for use of all of the water that is available to the state in arriving at what kind of a management system you are going to have. I think it is too limited to do as is being proposed with this amendment and I would not support it on that basis.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, I hope everyone listened to what Senator Warner said because without exception he put his