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SENATOR HOAGLAND: We....everybody...(interruption).

SENATOR KOCH: My question is, when Mr. Holmquist was before the Public Works Committee last Friday, and you were quoting this document as though it was an absolute source of the position of the NRC, were you there for the testimony of Mr. Holmquist?

SENATOR HOAGLAND: I was presenting a bill over in the Government Committee, Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Thank you, Senator. I would remind you Mr. Holmquist appeared before the committee and he stated to our committee that it was unfortunate that Senator Hoagland wasn't able to be present because of another bill introduction, and he recommended and said very succinctly that Senator Hoagland he felt was misinterpreting, that it was unfortunate that he did not come to the NRC and find out the final recommendation, the thing that they were concerned about, and he feels that Senator Hoagland and I think...and I am not going to criticize Senator Hoagland but in the best way Senator Hoagland is being somewhat naive in terms of the final recommendations, and so therefore I believe we should allow 375 to continue, and that we should not be trying to go through the same discussions again on the life of aquifers and how we are going to save the water. That is going to have to be a problem we are going to deal with in the future. So, therefore, I cannot support you, Senator Hoagland, based on Mr. Holmquist's testimony the other day before the Public Works Committee.

SENATOR HEFNER: Senator Hoagland, do you wish to close?

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Yes. Senator Hefner and colleagues, you know, once again Senator Schmit in his eloquent remarks, and I won't quarrel with his ability to state his arguments well, is asking this body to reject the recommendations of the Natural Resource Commission and the product of the State Water Planning and Review Process. Now as I have indicated before around here on my desk somewhere I have got these four volumes right here that this Legislature spent hundreds of thousands of dollars to have developed. You have before you the comments and recommendations that I have handed out. Now, Senator Koch, Mr. Holmquist was talking about another bill, a state control bill that I have introduced that was being heard. He wasn't talking about this amendment, and I cited these comments and recommendations as supporting the concept that the State Department of Water Resources should be able