

to directly impose a control area and directly impose a maximum allowable 1 percent depletion rate. And I personally believe in that concept. Mr. Holmquist said that these comments and recommendations do not support that concept a hundred percent and he is correct, they don't. But all of you can read these comments and recommendations in relation to this particular amendment. This particular amendment is drawn on the basis of these comments and recommendations, on the basis of this four-volume study we spent all this money to complete. And once again Senator Schmit is suggesting that we are going to reject these because these don't make sense, because they are not thought through, because the State Water Planning and Review Process was not representative of people around the state or whatever reason he might give. Now it seems to me again there comes a time, you know, Senator Kremer has provided the leadership and the funding and the planning of these studies. These have been under way for four or five years now. The results are finally coming in and I think it is time for this Legislature to support those results. Now I am not optimistic about the results of this amendment, but believe me I am going to be coming to this Legislature this year and next year and in future years asking it to implement the recommendations of the Water Planning Process as they are brought to us. I have held up an instream flow bill introduced last year. I have held it up again this year, so we can wait and see what the final recommendations are. And I am going to have an instream flow bill next year and it is going to implement some of the recommendations of the Water Planning Review Process and I hope Senator Schmit will support that bill next year. If Senator Kremer changes his mind and decides to run for reelection and is reelected, I hope he will support that bill next year, because, you know, we are spending lots and lots of money to have these studies done and this is one set of studies that I, for one, don't think should be left to collect dust on the shelf. Now you all can read these recommendations that are on your desk. This amendment faithfully incorporates these recommendations, Senator Koch, and I think if Senator Koch or others believe in doing something to effectively address this water problem, they are going to vote for this amendment. Now, Senator Hefner, I would ask once again this be a record vote. I am not going to ask for a Call of the House. I am not going to bring everybody in here, but I am going to ask that it be a record vote so you all know that your vote is going to be published in the Legislative Journal and it is going to be one of those votes that is going to count towards your attendance records at the end of the session. Thank you.