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will develop a very broad rule on the basis that it probably has no basis whatsoever for distinguishing between permits. So that is one major flaw that remains in the bill and which I suppose I would attempt to address on Final Reading should this bill advance that far. Now I have some other questions with regard to the introducers' intent and perhaps I should ask Senator DeCamp if he would respond to a question or two. John, I guess one question I have, how does this permit system fit in with our groundwater...with our concept of groundwater control areas and management areas? That is if these people go through the process of getting a permit and they have, in fact, a permit to inject some 200 feet per second or 200 feet per minute amount of water into a well and recycle it out, however they go through the process, and then if a management area is established in a particular area or a control area, do they have to abide by the conditions established within the control area or the management area? Or by virtue of this permit are they separate and aside and have their own special rights with regard to the use of water?

SENATOR DeCAMP: Absolutely not. Water Resources will decide this doesn't give them any exemptions from existing groundwater law. I would assume the Department of Water Resources who in your legislation, 726 and other bills....

SENATOR CLARK: You have one minute.

SENATOR DeCAMP:you have proposed has these controls, that is where we have put it here, identical. And the intent is to do that and I think it is done clearly.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, in a management area, for example, John, the NRD has absolute control over what kinds of tools will be used, what kind of controls will be established. Are you saying it is your intent that whatever the local NRD sets up as its controls that these people must abide by those controls?

SENATOR DeCAMP: That is correct.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, and with regard to control areas the same is true?

SENATOR DeCAMP: That is correct.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Koch.