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irrigation, we're talking about a very small percentage of the state's water. I mean drinking water altogether, municipal use altogether is something like 3 percent of the state's water and those that would be involved are concerned in this particular bill would involve even a smaller percentage of the water than the 3 percent. So we're not talking about a whole lot of water, but we are talking about water that is absolutely vital to most of the larger communities in this state and this bill seeks to give them a measure of added protection. With that, Mr. Speaker, I would end and maybe suggest that we go to the amendment so that at least we get down to what the bill is and then people may have further suggestions or amendments.

SPEAKER BAACK: Okay, Senator Beutler. Mr. Clerk, amendments to the bill.

CLERK: Mr. President, the first amendment, Senator Beutler had an amendment printed. I have a note on this one you want to withdraw, Senator, AM2820.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes, sir.

SPEAKER BAACK: It is withdrawn.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Beutler would move to amend AM2874 found on page 787 of the Journal.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, as the Clerk just mentioned, a copy of the amendment is on 787 of the Journal and the controversial sections of this particular bill have been subparagraphs 3 and 4 on page 4 because those were perceived by people and to a certain extent, rightfully so, as getting further into the question of conjunctive use than was really necessary in order to protect the municipal wells. And so what this amendment does is first of all, it strikes in its entirety subsection 4. Okay? So just cross out subsection 4 and forget it because that is being stricken. And then with regard to subsection 3 you will see that the language of subsection 3 has been changed completely and that the language has dropped all reference to geographic limitations one mile and has limited the effect of that section simply to public water suppliers, not to anybody else, just to public water suppliers. So it says that the water of every natural stream within the State of Nebraska, including