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is going to have any, by any means, any major effect on irrigation overall in this state. I mean...

SPEAKER BAACK: Time.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...percentages of water use for the different purposes are so disparate that the argument wouldn't make much sense.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Elmer, you're next.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members, I think that most of you realize the consequences that we're talking about here this morning. I've just been reviewing Section 6 of Article XV of the Nebraska Constitution and in it, it refers to this question that Senator Coordsen has about natural stream. And Section 6 says the right to divert unappropriated waters of every natural stream for beneficial use shall never be denied except when such denial is deemed, demanded by the public interest. Priority of appropriation shall give the better right as between those using the water for the same purpose, but when the waters of any natural stream are not sufficient for the use of all those desiring to use the same, those using the water for domestic purposes shall have preference, shall have preference. The well fields that are being protected for Omaha, Lincoln, Kearney, Grand Island and these places, I think we need to clearly address, is this amendment that Senator Beutler is offering when he says public water supply. Is a future court going to interpret that to mean domestic use as described in the Constitution? And, therefore, making it a superior right to any irrigation that is being done for agricultural purposes. Could you answer me that question, Senator Beutler?

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Beutler, could you respond, please.

SENATOR BEUTLER: No, Senator Elmer, you'll need to repeat your question.

SENATOR ELMER. Okay, I'll repeat it. In the Constitution clearly gives domestic water use for appropriation from a natural stream preference over agriculture. In your amendment you refer to public water, persons providing public water. Do you feel a future court would interpret that to be a domestic use under this Constitution?