

believes should be done. So, there's very little use in laying out the groundwork, in laying out the factors that should be considered when you start the statement with the term, not be limited to, the director's consideration shall include, but not be limited to those factors. So, it really takes the authority away from the Legislature, gives it to the director, I don't think that's the way it should be done, and that's why I have the amendment. I hope you'll adopt it.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Lamb. I'll now recognize senators wishing to speak to the Lamb amendment. Senator Rod Johnson.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: To the Beutler amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Elmer.

SENATOR ELMER: Talk to the bill.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Madam President, members of the Legislature, Senator Lamb, I don't think we could ever fence you in, it would be like trying to fence in the wind. But I really don't have any objection...I really don't have any objection to your amendment. But I don't think it's going to do what you think it's going to do. If you would like to adopt it, that's fine. The Director of water resources, when it...when he or she conducts hearings on these matters, already has the authority, under another section of statutes, to receive any evidence relevant to the matter under investigation. So, already the director has power to require whatever evidence it would like. If your objective is to limit the evidence, this will not succeed in doing it. But if you think that it would be helpful to make that change, you're certainly welcome to do so. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Does anyone else wish to speak to this amendment? Seeing none, do you have closing, Senator Lamb?

SENATOR LAMB: Thank you, Madam Chair. I would just briefly close to thank Senator Beutler for supporting this amendment. I think it is significant, and I would ask that it be adopted.