

top of page...or the bottom of page 10...8 and top of page 9, in the context of the bill it recognizes that wells are recharged, and with the statute that would be applied to recognize. And a court order could require, possibly, that other wells that are being recharged by the same...from the same stream be curtailed by the...by this statute. So, shouldn't we maybe insert on...at the top of page 9...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR ELMER: ...after "inferior" so that it would read, the exercise of preferences through just compensation to inferior or groundwater users shall extend to the various portions of public water suppliers appropriation.

SENATOR BEUTLER: No, the...the preference se...the preference system, Senator, only applies to surface water and to what is defined as surface water. And this bill does nothing with regard to other kinds of groundwater users.

SENATOR ELMER: Okay.

SENATOR BEUTLER: It refers only to public water suppliers. Now that we've taken out the dates, the priority date that would relate to the time that the well was...went into use as opposed to the time of application, with Senator Wickersham's amendment, as you know, it's the time of application that is of concern. So the...

SPEAKER BAACK: Time.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Elmer. Senator Bohlke, you're next.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker. Members, I did pass out a copy of an editorial from the Hastings Tribune directly relating to this subject. And I know that Senator Beutler knows that I've had some concerns, and he has asked me what he could do to make the bill more workable or acceptable with the people in my district. I have probably heard more on this issue than I even did on the personal tax issue. People are very concerned. And as you read in the editorial it states that there is a lot of confusion and disagreement among