

SENATOR NELSON: Um-huh. Ah, I don't know as it necessarily is.
(Interrupted.)

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, the...I'm sorry, the Municipal and Rural Domestic Groundwater Transfers Permit Act, is that what you're...

SENATOR NELSON: Right.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...talking about?

SENATOR NELSON: Yes, Section 46-638...

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay.

SENATOR NELSON: ...that's referred to the bill in page 3.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, that's a section of statute that exists, Senator, and exists for the purpose of allowing municipal well users, such as Lincoln and Omaha, or any others for that matter, to transfer by pipeline from their source of supply to the actual cities where they are used, even though that might be outside of the river basin.

SENATOR NELSON: Okay.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. And this does nothing but to...to make that technically correspond with that, it's not expanding any rights.

SENATOR NELSON: I certainly...this bill has, as Senator Bohlke said, has probably more telephone calls and more concern than any bill that I've had for a short time. A lot of it is the fact that maybe people are not comfortable, or I don't have as much knowledge as they should about it. And maybe it's their problem. I certainly, for one, and I will sit back and listen and see if we can work through the bill. I see no reason to rush this bill through. I see no reason why we should not have further...find out just exactly how far it goes, who will be affected, and for how far down the line, and let's work through that this summer. I would be far more comfortable than I am at this point passing a bill that I certainly get mixed feeling from about everyone that I've contacted. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Nelson. Senator Schmit,