

to condemn water, and you can do that and obtain, in effect, somebody else's water right and use that.

SENATOR HILLMAN: Okay, so I...I...I think I'm getting there. Right now they could...they could apply for an appropriation, they would then have a date on it, whereas if they wanted to have an appropriation that exists, they could buy someone else's which is what they did.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: That would be correct.

SENATOR HILLMAN: Okay, thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Hillman. Senator Crosby, you're next.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. Senator Rod Johnson, are you still there? No. Oh, there you are. Could I ask you a question as Chairman of Natural Resources...

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Johnson, would you respond, please.

SENATOR CROSBY: ...about this particular bill? I went back and looked at the original committee report of the bill. The hearing was on February 20, 1991, this bill has been here that long. The intro...the people who appeared for it are the ones who are still supporting it. There were no opponents. There was one neutral that was Central. Now, my question, Senator Johnson, is there was then...I can't quite tell when it was moved out of committee. There was an amendment of March 25, 1991. Does that sound familiar? It's a little hard to tell.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Senator, there were a couple of different proposals that were incorporated into Senator Beutler's bill.

SENATOR CROSBY: Yeah.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: The first, I believe, was the recognition of conjunctive use of water, which...

SENATOR CROSBY: Yeah.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: ...was Senator Elmer's amendment, I believe. And I, if I'm remembering a year ago, Senator Lamb, I