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LB 306, 1061, 1268
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amendment for the Legislature's review.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Johnson. We will now vote on the Johnson amendment to the Beutler amendment. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted on the Johnson amendment to the Beutler amendment to LB 306? Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 7 ayes, 11 nays, Madam President, on the amendment to the amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: The amendment fails. Items for the record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Madam President, yes, I do have some. Thank you. Amendments to be printed to LB 1061 by Senator Hall. Senator Warner has amendments to LB 1268. New resolutions, 272 by Senator Robak, 273 by Senator Robak, will both be laid over. Senator Schellpeper offers 274, a study resolution; Senator Coordsen 275, a study resolution. (See pages 1360-64 of the Legislative Journal.) That's all that I have, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. We will proceed then with debate on the Beutler amendment. Senator Horgan.

SENATOR HORGAN: Thank you, Madam President and members. I would simply rise in support of the Beutler amendment. I think we've had a lot of good debate about this issue, but I think we need to come back to the point and the point is that this discussion has gone on for a very long time. It's gone on for nearly a year. It's gone on for probably nearly decades, and what we ought to recognize is that the cities have a concern about long range, future instream flows of water available for domestic use. This amendment is fairly succinct I think in what it lays out and it offers the cities some protection, but it does not take away the rights of irrigators or of other people using...using the streams and using the flows from those streams. I think what Senator Beutler has done here is not a surprise, is not a...something that is unexpected, and the opposition is not very clear in why it's opposing the amendment or the bill other than the fact of some nebulous 'I don't quite know why I don't like it but I know I don't like it' argument. And the problem is there. The problem has been there for a long time and, as the cities now begin to prepare to put down wells, they're concerned about their future and their ability to