

provide water for domestic use, and that's what the Beutler amendment does. It puts into statute some protection for those wells and for the investment that's put there without trying to harm the future prosperity of the irrigators or farmers or anyone else and I think it's a balanced amendment. I don't think it has any hidden agendas to it and I think we would be wise to get on with it and pass the amendment and pass the bill and deal with a problem that has been dogging this state and its citizens for a very long time, and I would encourage the body to do so. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Horgan. Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Madam Speaker, members, I'd like to ask Senator Beutler a couple of questions, if he would. First of all, I...and I know I know the answer to this, but a rural water district would be considered a public supplier under this definition here.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes, sir.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: So those of us that are on rural water districts, which are prevalent throughout the state, we're going to come under the same...

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes, sir.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: ..protection, so to speak, as anyone else. I'm going to go from the top of page 6 to the bottom of page 8 to see if I understand. On line 3, it says: No instream appropriation shall exceed that amount of water reasonably necessary for the designated use. And then I'm skipping down to number...bottom of page 8 from that when it says: When granting an application to a public water supplier, the director shall specify what portion of the total appropriation is devoted to domestic, irrigation, manufacturing, other such uses. We're referring to the same use in that particular case, as I...is...is...am I...would I be correct?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: So, if I would understand this, if they were going to make an application this kind of use would be taken into account, whether...let's say it was in a city and they were, which we have heard here on the floor, watering lawns,