

of additional credence and their interest is greater than somebody who may be clear on the other side of the state. So public interest right now really isn't defined and there isn't any kind of a priority system that's given.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Senator Preister. As far as the proposition that there should be some guidance in terms of what public interest amounts to under these circumstances, I would support the theory and proposition that there should be some direction. I can see public interest involving...

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SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: One minute.

SENATOR BROMM: ..involving the recreational and economic, the development aspects of having something like this. I can see public interest involving the effect in the neighborhood and the adjoining property owners. I can see the public interest taking into consideration what the applicable zoning is in the area. If the trend in the area is for wildlife preserves and that kind of thing, that's certainly one...one aspect. If it's housing, that's certainly a very different aspect and I think the public interest would include what is the comprehensive plan and future of the area predicted to be in terms of the local zoning and that kind of thing. I should think that's something the public interest should consider. I think it also should consider whether or not it does have any effect on the...

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Time.

SENATOR BROMM: ..wildlife refuge in the area as well. Thank you.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Senator Bromm. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Bernard-Stevens, members of the Legislature, I just wanted to say a few words, I guess in part to buy a little time to get this amendment finished. They've been working on an amendment. It actually involves two parts, if you want to start to think about it. One of them is defining what the public interest is and basically picking up subdivisions (a) and (b), slightly modified in the 2409 amendment, and deleting out subsection (c). And as soon as that