

you go down track two it is ultimately DWR that decides whether the plan will be implicated, albeit, and we'll talk about this later, that decision is affected by and substantially affected by the decision of what we call the "interwater" (sic) committee. And we'll talk about that a little bit more, but that was a protection device built in by ground water users to once gain mitigate any power that might be given to the Department of Water Resources.

SPEAKER WITHEM PRESIDING

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SENATOR KLEIN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman and fellow members. I'd like to ask Senacor Beutler a question or two.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Beutler, could you respond?

SENATOR BEUTLER: You bet.

SENATOR KLEIN: I see that you had the last hearing December 20, I happen to remember that day, I think it's the day I got sworn in. I just wondered, and I know you did the amendments a long time ago, why they weren't sent to anyone till yesterday?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator, substantially these same amendments were sent out to all interested parties at the end of January. They were...the council met in December, they were worked on and drafted among various peoples, back and forth, back and forth, all during the month of January. At the end of the month of January they had a different number, but we sent them out to all interested parties, and anybody who was interested was welcome to pick up a set of them and look at them. At the beginning of December we sent them out one more time and said this is last time around, we're getting to the end of our time limit here, does anybody have any final suggestions? And during the month of February, there were four or five technical kinds of suggestions. Ron Bishop had some suggestions. He's done really great work on this helping us get it in shape. So we incorporated those technical amendments and that's the amendment you have before you today, essentially.

SENATOR KLEIN: I guess I was just curious about that. I'm