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SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: One minute.

SENATOR ELMER: ...that you pose about whether you pump water and then would not be able to is irrelevant because it's a different body of law for ground water.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Senator Elmer. Senator Hudkins.

SENATOR HUDKINS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members of the body. Senator Beutler, unfortunately, I didn't get all of my questions asked, so if you would mind responding. And these really don't address the amendment that we're dealing with, but I don't know exactly when else I would be able to answer them, so if you'll indulge me.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Senator Beutler, will you respond to the questions? Thank you.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes.

SENATOR HUDKINS: There are several instances, about nine, as a matter of fact, throughout the bill that talk about the notice provisions that deals with publications and hearings and notices, some of them are seven days, some of them are ten days. Shouldn't they all be the same? And if not, why not?

SENATOR BEUTLER: I don't think they should necessarily be the same, Senator. It depends on who you're giving notice to and what kind of notice it is, how complicated it is. There are a variety of reasons why the length of notices might change. This is what the NRDs felt comfortable with and what the rural groups felt comfortable with. I don't see any need that they be exactly the same.

SENATOR HUDKINS: Well, this has to do with when you're publishing notices, some areas are going to have a weekly paper, some are going to have a daily paper. And if some notices are seven days, you cannot have a publication occurring later than seven days before the meeting or later than ten days before the meeting, I think that could be rather confusing for the various meetings that may or may not be taking place. Would you object