

bill, so that's not the problem right now, but it still is a problem to have that much of an in-stream flow. I just like to present just a few questions. The in-stream flow proposal by Game and Parks Commission far exceeds the average flow of the river. And when that happens, what do you do then? Some of the questions would be, under the original application, the in-stream flow application is granted further, could the future municipal wells be shut off? That's what I'm kind of concerned about and that's a good question I think we should think about. Could they be shut off because of this...much of that application that they're applying for? I realize, under the compromise, that they probably can't, but we don't know whether that's going to be okayed yet or not. And would irrigators with senior water rights be compensated if their wells are shut off due to the in-stream flow? And I think that's a good question that we should think about too. So this in-stream flow is a really serious thing, I think. If the original application is approved, would any water be available for future wells, municipalities, or other uses down along the river or for industry or anything? And I guess my concern is, if they get this here application, what then? If they can't get enough water down there where are they going to get the water? There's only two places they can get the water and that's out of the Kingsley Dam or else out of the ground well pumpers, to have them shut off. And I guess that really concerns me. And then we're passing 108, so I don't know what could happen there. But this, this is really a concern to me and I think this is really a good amendment and I'll, and I'm going to vote for it. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Jones. Senator Klein.

SENATOR KLEIN: Thank you, Madam Chair. I appreciate the ruling. I think it was the correct one. I do believe that this does not weaken the bill. I think that this reinforces the fact that what'll happen is agricultural users will be much more happy with it. No body of governmental agency anywhere in the United States is more representative than are the natural resource districts, and this gives the control to them. That was the reason I supported this amendment and that's the reason I continue to. And I think that the farmers and ranchers will too. So thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Klein. Senator Beutler.