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bill. And the section that I wanted to discuss with you is the section regarding an intent to withdraw ground water from any well located in the state and to transport it for use in another state. And it indicates that here we are setting out the factors, in determining whether to grant or deny such permit, the director of Natural Resources shall consider. And there were a number of items previously that were in the law. And then a number of factors have been added. And I assume that, given the recent proposition that made some...that gained some media attention, that the department is looking more closely at the criteria for transferring water. Is that the reason for these provisions?

SENATOR SCHROCK: You are absolutely correct there, Senator Beutler. And I want to regress just back to the issue of wells. We have passed a bill this year, already signed by the Governor, that increased well...the fee to drill a well by \$10. And if it's a water management area, it's been increased by \$35. That money goes to the NRDs. And that also applies to replacement wells.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. With regard to the material and the additional items on page 10, in deciding whether to grant or deny a permit to transfer, one of the items is, "Any negative effect of the proposed withdrawal on surface water supplies"...

SPEAKER BROMM: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ..."needed to meet present or reasonable future demands within the state," and then some other material. The thing that is of interest to me in this whole concept is that it doesn't seem to provide for the balancing of economic benefit. That is, if you look at this factor...and it applies to surface water; I need to better understand why it wouldn't apply to ground water also. But let's say...and let's talk in hypothetical situations. Let's say that there is a proposed withdrawal. Somebody...

SPEAKER BROMM: Time.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...bought a piece of land and...I'm sorry,