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so that they're all treated the same. And that's all this amendment does. It's just a technical change that puts us all on the same page when we're dealing with these water transfers. Thank you.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Senator Jones. Chair would recognize Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the Legislature, I support Senator Jones in this amendment and I'll tell you the amendment clarifies that, when either the director of the Department of Natural Resources or the board of directors of a natural resource district determines whether or not to grant an intrastate transfer, the same criteria must be used for an interstate transfer by the department. As part of the listed criteria under the amendment, the effect of intrastate compacts or decrees in the fulfillment of a provision of any other state compact, contract or decree. In other words, water is an article of interstate commerce and whether you're talking about an interstate, intrastate transfer or an interstate transfer, you have to treat it the same either way. And that's what this amendment clarifies.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Senator Schrock. Chair recognizes Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Schrock, a clarification, if I could, on the Jones amendment.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Senator Schrock.

SENATOR BEUTLER: On page 3, and I'll ask Senator Jones this also, but I wanted to ask both of you. On page 3, Section 8, remind me what the law is with regard to transfers of ground water to other areas in the state. I mean, you can do it. You can transfer it off the overlying land for agricultural purposes, right? And for ground water remediation purposes, right?

SENATOR SCHROCK: Yes. Yes.