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respect to what has to be met, going to the extent of defining incidental runoff and surface water runoff generally, and then a 25-acre limitation, and then making determinations as to whether they'd reduce water supplies, and all sorts of other criteria. Is this something they're already deciding or is...what...is this putting into statute what they already do, or is this instituting a new relationship between lagoon facilities and adjoining water users?

SENATOR SCHROCK: This is putting into statute what is already there. As it pertains to LB 619, I'm a little unclear here, but we're not doing anything new here, except for one thing and that is...the only new part would be the allowance of the 25-acre limitation. We would allow a variance, but...

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: One minute.

SENATOR SCHROCK: ...but it would be a very limited variance of 15 percent, so.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, so the purpose is to make the existing regulations easier to abide by...

SENATOR SCHROCK: Yes. Yes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...allowing a 25-acre limitation.

SENATOR SCHROCK: By allowing a 15 percent variance on the 25 acres. The 25 acres is still there.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. I think I understand it. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I would like to ask Senator Baker a question on his amendment. I support the amendment. I just would like clarification.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Senator Baker.