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SENATOR SCHROCK: The surface water...and I would assume this...these sections refer to the surface water transfers, and I did make those comments in the opening statement, and there is some changes in how we are going to deal with surface water transfers, and so I made those comments in my opening statement. I don't think I need to make any further comments at this time.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Senator Schrock. Senator Chambers, to open on the division.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I do have some of the same concerns that Senator Bourne has expressed and, in fact, he and I were just over there, I won't say kibitzing, but we were looking at what is going to happen in terms of the overall budget of the state. I said earlier that there are various agendas that are existent during this session of the Legislature, some very important issues that are going to have to be dealt with one way or the other. This water question is very important. However, it may not be important enough to give it everything that this bill asks for. We may, if we siphon money from other sources to put into this bill, have to make cuts where we choose not to. One reason I want to divide the question is so that we can get a handle on what this bill does first as far as regulating water, the providing of hearings, notice, the creation of that board that is supposed to resolve differences, and I don't believe all of those things can be mastered by the body as a whole, considering the bill as it will be if the committee amendments are adopted. I would like to ask Senator Stuhr a question about something she touched on.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Senator Stuhr, will you respond?

SENATOR STUHR: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Stuhr, I presume that you have looked at this bill enough to get a general notion of what it is that we're trying to do here, and I'm not going to ask you questions about the details of the regulation. But in terms of the general thrust of the bill, you have a pretty good idea where