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SENATOR SCHROCK: It's a last ditch deal, the interwater related board. That's the last ditch deal. Nobody really wants to go there.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Schrock, were you completed?

SENATOR SCHROCK: Yes.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Beutler, and this will be your third time as you know.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Schrock, there was another section that had to do with municipal water users that I wanted to ask you about. And it's on page 60 and 61, and it seems to say with respect to public water suppliers, that is, let's talk about it in terms of small towns out and around the countryside; that they under this new law will have the ability to better protect their well fields by filing a notice of intent to consider a well field. And once...and that well field, as I understand it, could be a real small piece of land, may be no bigger than it takes to drill a well, or it could be a very large area of land. Would that be correct? Okay. And it indicates that once they've filed this statement of intent which will have the legal description of the land and the consent of the owner of the land, whether that piece of land is very small or very large, and then it seems to indicate that if they go ahead and buy that land, then you can't have an irrigation well within 1,000 feet of that land. Is that how it works? No person may drill or construct a water well, any kind of water well, I guess, or as defined in a particular section, within 1,000 feet of the boundaries of that water well. And that is greater, is it not, than the distance between...required between irrigation wells?

SENATOR SCHROCK: Senator Beutler, depends on the jurisdiction. If there is not a moratorium on new wells, there'd be no requirement on the amount of distance. But I think in the Upper Republican, there is a requirement on the...

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, so...