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discussion may have been. He's saying there's no realistic transfer options for taking water from a lower preference to a higher preference. Transfers from lower preferences to the highest preference will only be allowed on a temporary basis, and then only under a very burdensome scenario. A municipality's need for water is never temporary in nature. It seems imprudent and not in the best interest of the majority of the citizens of the state to continue to prohibit such permanent transfers. He has considerable more to say here. To continue to prohibit such permanent transfers. He has more to say about the burdensome conditions of temporary transfers. But could you just kind of update us on what the discussion of the task force was, whether Mr. Huggenberger had requested some consideration of easier transfer options, and whether that consideration had been given to him?

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Senator Beutler, I don't believe Mr. Huggenberger requested any more provisions that were in the task force. At the present time, there are no provisions for transfers, especially between uses. Under LB 962, if passed, it would allow for a transfer from one use to another, and it would allow that for up to 30 years. And after the 30 years are up, it can be renewed for another 30 years. So I would say that's not real burdensome. If the city of Lincoln needs more water, and the solution is to dry up a farmer's irrigated land--and I'm sure there's farmers out there that will sell their water for an appropriate price; I know I would--I don't think that's burdensome. There are...

SENATOR BEUTLER: So you don't have any idea what he's referring to when he says we need realistic transfer options?

SENATOR SCHROCK: I think this bill does give realistic transfer options.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay.