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That makes it clear what I think all of these other words are designed to say. Any relevant information that comes into the hands of the decision maker, no matter how that information comes, no matter from which source it comes, that information can be used to go into formulating a decision. And that decision is known as a preliminary determination. Throughout the bill, that decision is stated in the singular, as "a preliminary determination," not in the plural, as here, "preliminary determinations." One determination will be made with reference to the particular issue before the decision maker. So what my amendment would do is change "preliminary determinations" from the plural to the singular, so that it is consistent with that term as it appears throughout the rest of the bill. And I would strike unnecessary language related to the source of information, and will insert a word that makes it clear that, however and from whatever source information is obtained that has a bearing on the decision that is to be made, such information can be used. That, I believe, is reasonable, rational, and it ought to be accepted by my colleagues. There is something else on this page which needs to be dealt with, but it will be in a different amendment. And I want to get these in order, so that what I discuss with you is what will actually be before you. I am correct in describing what this particular amendment does. And if you have any questions, I will be glad to answer. And this provides the opportunity for others of my colleagues to continue the discussions that they were having. I am being as disciplined as I can in limiting my remarks to the amendments that I'm presenting. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. You've heard the opening on FA1521, which is an amendment to the first division of the divided committee amendments to LB 962, offered by the Natural Resources Committee. We're now open for discussion on that amendment. Senator...there are no lights on at all. Senator Beutler, you're recognized to speak.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I wanted to go back and just talk a little bit about...or ask, I should say, a little bit about what happens to the general principles of water law when the Department of Water Resources takes over and demands that in a particular water basin that there be an evaluation, and in the instance where an