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generous, compassionate gentleman that he is, as opposed to me, is willing to allow them to continue engaging in something they should not have started in the first place. But when you engage in risky conduct and the consequences come to fruition, or when the chickens come home to roost, then you know what you've got to deal with it and...with and it's your own conduct that put you there. Number four: "until such time as determined by the Department of Water Resources." They'll be allowed to pump any water after--they'll not be--January 1, 2007, "until such time as determined by the Department of Water Resources." That doesn't mean they will never. I think they should not be allowed to pump now or any time in the future. And the way I'm breaking this up...you have it, you can read it. I don't want to put a "not" where there shouldn't be or leave one out where there should be. Then number five: "The department may determine the level of all future pumping after January 1, 2007." This is a well-crafted amendment. It addresses precisely the issue before us. There is no attempt to put into this amendment every detail that needs to be worked out, that needs to be considered. It provides a framework and it allows us to join the issue, as they say in court, or come to an understanding of what the dispute is about, and then we can move from there. Had Senator Beutler chosen to do so, even in an amendment which people say is for the purpose of discussion, he could have given us 12 or 13 pages so detailed that nobody would want to read it.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I wouldn't even want to read it, but I probably would. So anybody who's interested in this subject can grasp what Senator Beutler is saying in his amendment and grasp what he is offering as a temporary solution. So whether he goes forward with this amendment today or not, I think it is worthwhile to have the debate, and I intend to go even further than Senator Beutler has gone. I want to cut these people off now, right now. Any of those wells dug after that date which the wildcatters, you can call them, knew was coming into being so they wanted to beat it, the wildcatters get nothing as far as I'm concerned.