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future legislators, we're going to tie the hands of the citizens of the state, instead of standing back, as I believe this amendment is asking us to do, to stand back, reevaluate this precious resource that we have, and what we feel needs to be done, or if anything needs to be done in two years. At that point, we make the decisions that are appropriate for that time. We don't make those decisions today and tie the hands of future citizens and the future members of this body. This amendment is looking to the future, this amendment is looking at meeting obligations we have today, and I hope you will support it. Thank you.

SENATOR JANSSEN PRESIDING

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Senator Fischer. Senator Redfield.

SENATOR REDFIELD: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I do rise in support of the amendment. It is absolutely clear that we cannot bind a future Legislature. And I think it's only fair to allow the Appropriations Committee to make those decisions in future years. I think that it is appropriate for us to make the decision for us and for no one else. Thank you.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Senator Redfield. Senator Stuhr.

SENATOR STUHR: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I stand in opposition to the amendment, for some of the reasons that have already been stated, that I do not believe that our water problems are solved. And yes, this is no guarantee, but there is an intent, and very often in the Legislature we work through intents. And if I read the amendment, it says, no appropriation shall be made to this program after 2007 and 2008. We would have it in statute that no appropriation shall be made. So talk about tying the hands. We are tying the hands of our future legislators by supporting this amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Senator Stuhr. Senator Don Pederson.