

Municipal Transfer Act. So we're taking one narrow category and allowing them to do something almost nobody else can do, and then beyond that we're allowing them to do it in a way that nobody else can do it, that is without a permit process, without a public hearing, without some opportunity for those who might oppose it to come forth and make their case. I think that this proposition goes well beyond what anybody has ever suggested before in terms of liberality with respect to water transfers.

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Now, it's not very much water, and that's probably the strongest selling point that Senator Bernard-Stevens has. But you have to remember that in many parts of the state, including the one he's talking about, there is not very much water. And it may be that in many other parts of our state, before too many years have passed, there will not be enough water there either. And small transfers may be critical to individual people, may be peanuts to us looking at the state as a whole, but it may be critical to a few people out there in the neighborhood of the transfer. So I think that a...that a policy that picks out golf courses and elevates them to a status above all other uses, in terms of how it can be...in allowing the transfer of water for that purpose...

SPEAKER BAACK: Time.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...totally ignores our hierarchy of values. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: Excuse me, excuse me, Senator Hall, we do have an amendment to the amendment.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Wehrbein would move to amend the EBS amendment. (Wehrbein amendment appears on page 1248 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Mr. Speaker and members, I passed this amendment out. It's AM1148 to the...to this particular bill.