

their investment in terms of the...the course that they put in. You're going to see more and more of this that takes place throughout the rural parts of the state, and it is extremely easy for us who represent the urban areas to say, eh, why should we worry about this. It doesn't impact us. I go to the club, or I go to the local city course and I can play, and I don't have to think twice about whether the greens are going to be watered. It just happens, that's why I pay my property taxes, that's why I pay my green fees. It isn't the same when you get into these areas. And I guess that's the thing that we need to take into consideration when we look at the Bernard-Stevens amendment. It is an infraction, I guess, if you will, on the priority process in terms of how we allocate the water. And, yes, you do basically thumb your nose and the permit process. But is that in, I guess, proper order for these kinds of facilities? I would guess that at the level that the appropriation is spelled out, that being 200-acre feet, which I think is a foot of water over an acre of ground, I can't quite remember how it works, but Senator Jones says it's 65 million gallons of water, and I'll abide by that figure, that is not something that is going to fracture the system over the long haul. Granted,...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR HALL: ...I appreciate Senator Beutler's arguments and I think they're well raised for future kinds of considerations that...that exceed the 200-foot limit, 200-acre foot limit. And, if nothing else, I guess what you have to be spelling out here is that there, or looking at or considering is that, hey, at some point when it gets to 500 or 1,500, and it gets close to that 3,000-foot threshold that has been in statute for a number of years, you need to say, wait a minute, let's back up and rethink this. At this point in time, I don't have a problem with the Bernard-Stevens amendment, in particular because of the Wehrbein amendment that's been put in there that basically allows for those who have had prior use, the ability to come in and make their case, and in addition the fact that you're talking about a very minor amount of water. I would urge the adoption of the Bernard-Stevens amendment to 789.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Hall. Senator Haberman on the Bernard-Stevens amendment.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the body, would