

Senator Bernard-Stevens answer a couple questions, please.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Bernard-Stevens, would you respond, please.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Yes, Senator.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Senator "Stevens", according to your amendment here, would allow the golf courses to drill wells and use up to 200-acre feet per year. Are these wells going to be metered?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: I can't answer that, Senator, I just don't know.

SENATOR HABERMAN: I do, I'd probably say no, they will not be metered. So I have to ask then, how are we going to tell when they use 200-acre feet? We don't know, folks. How is anybody going to tell? They're not metered. And I have to ask another question. If a golf course needs more than 200-acre feet per year, they will have to get a permit and show that their use will not harm other ground water users in the area. How does this happen, Senator "Stevens"? How do they...how do they show that it will not harm other ground water users in the area?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Senator, they do what everybody would have to do at that point, they go...in the case of the area that Senator Hall was talking about you go to an accredited institution, such as Indiana State, and you have a 10,000 dollar study done. And when you have that 10,000 dollar study done, and it will take all the scenarios that could take place, every possible thing, whether drought, too much rain, not enough rain, all the circum...any circumstance that can happen, and you have a study that says it will have no impact. And then you take that scientific data to the hearing, and if somebody else has better information, that's fine.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Well, Senator "Stevens", you mention a 10,000 dollar study, I'm...were you here when we did the 300,000 dollar study on taxes and didn't do anything that they said? Were you here when we did that?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: I was...I...you talking about the Syracuse Study?