

Industrial and Commercial Act the same as 3,000 for other people. Quite honestly,...

SPEAKER BAACK: Time.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: ...you should support this amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator Pirsch, you're next.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members of the body. I'm...I'm glad Senator Bernard-Stevens did make specific those points because I was going to point out that we are not just making law for one golf course in this state. And do we make a law for one entity without considering all the ramifications that will go across the state from this one little example? Senator Beutler, if you would yield, I would like to ask you a question, or ask, actually, for an explanation. Would you please explain again the changes that the committee amendments would have made to this bill had it gone through the regular channels and not been amended on this bill.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: The committee amendment, which I will offer you, if Senator Bernard-Stevens should so choose and should he lose, would basically do this, it would take the Industrial Ground Water Act, which allows for transfers under the criteria that I read to you earlier, and which they were not allowed to enter, that is they being Senator Ber...the people out in Cass County who have the golf course. They were not allowed to apply for a permit under that system. The theory used by Mike Jess was that it was an agricultural use, not an industrial use. So they couldn't come under that system. So what the committee amendment would...would say is, yes, we are going to define that as a...as an industrial commercial use, so, therefore, you can come under that system, the industrial ground water system, and by coming under that system then your...then you will be able to apply for a permit, just like everybody else. Now, I disagree vehemently with Senator Bernard-Stevens about what the law is with regard to users of less than 3,000-acre feet. See, the industrial act says statutorily that those who are applying for 3,000 or more may apply. It doesn't say anything about those who want less water. And the law clearly, to me, is if you want less water, you have no right to get to apply for less water.