

There's nothing that allows you to do that because the common law is in place, and the common law is that you cannot transfer water beyond the overlying land. Now, there may be some that disagree with that interpretation, but I don't...I don't think there's any doubt about it. So, the amendment...the committee amendment would allow them to use the permit process. The problem, as I understand it, from their point of view, is that it takes...it would take several months maybe, three or four months rather than...rather than having it done right when this bill passes.

SENATOR PIRSCH: So, in other words, it...it would take longer for them to get this use?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, if this bill passes without...without an emergency clause, it will go into effect 90 days...

SENATOR PIRSCH: Oh, I see what you mean, yes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: If they have to go through the hearing process, it may take more than 90 days,...

SENATOR PIRSCH: Yes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...it depends on how much...how many of the property owners are upset by this and what kind of a discussion there is on it.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Um-huh. Well, I want...I want to tell you, Senator Beutler, I appreciate your thoughtfulness in putting things in perspective and into boxes, as some might call it. Thank you for that explanation.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Pirsch. Senator Vrtiska, you're next.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I guess I just had...wondered if Senator Bernard-Stevens would yield to another question.

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

SENATOR VRTISKA: Oh, yes. I don't know if I asked you this question before, but it's been on my mind and I've been thinking