

number one, I think we need to be very, very careful of this amendment simply because this Legislature has had no feedback in information for those it would affect. I would like to make very clear, this amendment, if we agree to it, would say all people, everybody in the commercial and industrial area shall get a permit even if they take out and transfer one gallon, one gallon, that's everyone. And I would think the very next step, if it's not included already, I don't know what that fits with agriculture now. Senator Jones, I don't know what that does to the cattle industry that's out there. I don't know how many permits, but I look at the A bill and I see an A bill that says there could be over 2,000 permits now that need to be done and it could cost close to a million dollars. That's why Senator Beutler wants us to agree with this. He knows it's cost prohibitive. He knows there will be too many people having to apply. He knows there will be people against it and, therefore, it would bring down the bill. I appreciate his prowess on parliamentary tactics but it simply is a bad move for this Legislature to make at this time. If we're going to make a major change of the act in striking 3,000-acre feet to zero and affect everybody, that should be a public hearing. And I urge Senator Beutler to introduce that bill next session so we do have a public hearing on it. But let's don't make this change now because it isn't simple, it isn't minor, it's very, very important and affects a lot of people, not to mention the tremendous cost. Thank you. I urge the body to oppose the Beutler amendment.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator Elmer.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Madam President. In looking at this amendment that Senator Beutler has offered, the last new language that has been inserted is in lines 17 through 19, that says commercial shall include but not be limited to maintenance of the turf of a golf course. Now, when you say it's not limited to, I can't think of anything more commercial than water in a field of corn. That's commercial and so it's not limited to just looking at the maintenance of a golf course. And we do recognize that very many agricultural people are transferring water from...out from under the overlying land. Their wells may be in a canyon in a pasture and they're taking it a mile and a half up onto a flat piece of ground where they don't have the water to water that flat piece of ground. Under our common law that's been described, that's not legal, because it's not even