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members of the Irrigation Association. So rather than requesting of going to the expense of publishing the meeting in advance to be read by all the general public, they are advised through letters or through the poster or notice of some kind, perhaps...

SENATOR BARNETT: Some of them are like Executive sessions of the Irrigation district, is this what you are talking about?

SENATOR KREMER: No.

SENATOR BARNETT: I don't see why the public isn't...I guess I can't understand why they are not open to the public, then. That's what I am trying to clear.

SENATOR KREMER: Only people that are directly involved in the district are interested.

SENATOR BARNETT: Within the irrigation district, right?

SENATOR KREMER: Right. So it needs to be publicized rather than published. There is a little difference, not much.

SENATOR BARNETT: OK. I mean, you know, it sounded like you were talking about the anti-open meeting law and I thought what in the world is going on.

PRESIDENT: Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: A question of Senator Kremer, please. Senator Kremer, a moment ago you said that the business of an irrigation district only pertains to those that live within that district. Isn't water a matter of public concern?

SENATOR KREMER: Irrigation districts are made up of districts that have been formed for the purpose of distributing water within a certain area.

SENATOR KOCH: Right, but my question is, then, isn't water a matter of public concern, though?

PRESIDENT: Say, yes, couldn't you, Senator Kremer. Senator Koch wants you to say yes.

SENATOR KREMER: I have only got two ears and I was listening to three people.

PRESIDENT: Is water a matter of public concern?

SENATOR KREMER: Well, I would imagine we all drink a little of it.

SENATOR KOCH: I am not trying to be flippant here.

SENATOR KREMER: I am aware of that, Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: I am just saying that I think that probably the minutes and so forth should be published in a manner of public record so people can see what is going on in those irrigation districts, as well as anyone else.