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in the same preference category. The question raised by Senator Wesely and a visit with me privately by Senator Hoagland about the letter from the Natural Resources Commission said they felt that the water should be allowed to be transferred to a municipality which would be another use. That, I think we should discuss with the Commission to see just what exactly they have in mind there and I am willing to deal with that on Select File.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: I take it then that if, for example, in a given irrigation district or with a given stream, if in fact there was adequate appropriation to exhaust that stream or that water flow some time during the season but even though there was appropriation to do that, the appropriators traditionally didn't use all of that water, however, as a result of some transfers then all of that water would be used so that that stream would run dry, would it be within the power then of the Director to simply say, we will not approve those transfers because we do want to assure the public interest in not having that stream run dry?

SENATOR SCHMIT: The Director would have that authority even though the appropriation would not exceed the previous appropriation. I don't know how he would justify it, frankly, but he would have that authority.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: He would have the authority.

SENATOR SCHMIT: That's right.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: And it would be in the public interest.

SENATOR SCHMIT: That's right.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Thank you, Senator Schmit.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Richard Peterson.

SENATOR R. PETERSON: Mr. Speaker, if Senator Schmit would yield, I would like to ask him a question.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Yes, I yield, Senator.

SENATOR R. PETERSON: Yes, Senator Schmit, in the summary there I read where containing lands in the county where it is located where this might happen, and then it goes on and says in a newspaper of general circulation in the state. What...I guess my question is, if we have got a project or this happening out in western Nebraska and it is published in like the World Herald or something, those people very seldom