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will get the paper. Wouldn't it be better if this was specified in the local most read publication? Or have you got any concerns there?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well, this is not the World Herald amendment, Senator Peterson, but I would suggest....

SENATOR R. PETERSON: I just used that as an example, Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: I was accused of that earlier. I would suggest that the reason for that language is because there are people in eastern Nebraska who would have an interest in what was happening even in western Nebraska, and, therefore, by publishing it in a newspaper of general circulation, it serves notice not just to those of us who might be impacted in a small area but to the entire state. I think it is justified, first, because it won't be used very often; secondly, because of the widespread issues in water issues across the state; and third, because any time we do something in one part of the state it does impact upon future actions and future uses and future situations and so I think it is probably justified.

SENATOR R. PETERSON: Okay, then would this...you presume if it was published in one paper, it would be covered, say in the Scottsbluff paper if it was in that vicinity, so it would in essence be published enough that people would be aware.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Yes, it is supposed to be published in a local area newspaper and also in one of general circulation.

SENATOR R. PETERSON: So you have no qualms about it?

SENATOR SCHMIT: I don't think there is really any problem. I think it is probably in the public interest to do it this way.

SENATOR R. PETERSON: Thank you, Senator Schmit.

PRESIDENT: Senator Tom Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and members, I wonder if Senator Schmit would respond to a couple of questions, please.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Yes I will, Senator.

SENATOR VICKERS: Senator Schmit, first of all, I should let you know that I am not looking at this with the suspicions that perhaps some other people do as it relates to transbasin