

supplies, and it goes on and it says, no instream appropriation shall exceed reasonably nec...that amount of water reasonably necessary for the designated use. I don't know what reasonably...reasonable necessity is for a municipality, how Mike Jess or his successor would interpret that. There's just a number of question that I have. And I'm not...I think those of you who have worked with me over the ten years I've been in this body know that I'm not an individual who serves as an obstructionist to moving forward on issues. And in fact, I, as Senator Beutler was talking earlier to the body about fighting clouds, I've felt that way often with the FIFRA issue that we talked about for years, and trying to address that problem, and slowly and dutifully, I think, we've come to the realization that we need to do something in these areas and eventually do that. I'm just a little nervous about what the bill might do. And at this particular point, based upon the large amount of confusion, whether it happened a year ago or if it happened today, there are a lot of people that I happen to represent that are very nervous about this bill and would like more time to participate, and quite frankly, this debate, I think, will generate more discussion. I don't mind, Senator Crosby, going back and having Natural Resources Committee do an additional study on this issue, even though we did include it in a package of studies we did last year. The input that we got from the public on this specific issue was so minute and so inconsequential that we really didn't draw any conclusions from it. Senator Hillman was at the meeting we had in Scottsbluff, along with Senator Wickersham. There was no senators with me when we were in Grand Island. I think Senator Horgan and Senator Hartnett were with me when we were in Fremont. Might be the like...same when we had a hearing in Lincoln. Senator Elmer with me down in Alma. There were not a lot of senators that participated in this study. And the public really never showed much interest in giving us guidance as to what they wanted us to do with this issue. So, if you rate it on a scale of 1 to 10, with 10 being the best, I'd say that the study produced about a 1 as far as public input and really giving us some guidance as to how to move. Now, granted, Senator Beutler has indicated, to his defense, he and his staff and others have worked very hard to bring groups together to try and talk behind the scenes, and that's fine. But then you've got to come out here and relay those things and argue those points to us and convince the body that what we're doing is good policy. I'm not sure right now, just based on my conversations in passing with people around the floor, that everybody is real comfortable with this issue. If I