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could just establish a management area. And we've established that if they did that they would have, under current law, the ability to treat groupings differently. When you establish a management area, there's a process you go through. But once you've established the management area, that doesn't mean that you necessarily have to crack down real hard on everybody all at once, does it?

SENATOR SCHROCK: That would be correct.

SENATOR BEUTLER: In fact, isn't the usual pattern that the first thing the NRD would do would be to get out to all of the irrigators with some education programs, some information programs about the use of water, just pamphlets and people talking and seminars and that sort of thing? Isn't that roughly accurate?

SENATOR SCHROCK: Senator Beutler, you may be correct or not correct in talking about this issue that way. But what you're proposing takes time. Now, whether the NRDs should...

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: One minute.

SENATOR SCHROCK: ...or should not have done this is a question for another day. This is a tool I'm trying to give them. And it's putting on notice, while we're in litigation, that you drill a lot...you drill a well at your own risk, because the NRDs may regulate you differently. And I don't know if...you know, in absence of this bill, I think you're going to see a lot more wells being drilled out there. And it may or may not affect the lawsuit. But I think the potential is there.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, Senator, if the consequence is...

SENATOR SCHROCK: What is the alternative, Senator Beutler, to this? What is your alternative?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well,...

SENATOR SCHROCK: Do we just...do we just not pass this bill and...