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adjourned for the day yesterday. (Legislative Journal page 441.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Schrock, would you like to give us a brief summary of the...LB 32?

SENATOR SCHROCK: Yeah. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, what LB 32 does, it raises the number of days that an NRD board member can collect a per diem. With the increased activities of NRD boards, especially with the implementation of LB 962, we are finding that some of them are spending more than 40 days a year working on these issues. This would allow them to collect up to 50 days' worth of per diem. I would also remind you that a lot of the NRDs are not paying the maximum per diem, and a lot of the board members are using their own time to work on these issues. It's a fairly straightforward bill, brought to us by the Association of Natural Resource Districts, approved in committee unanimously. And we're having a discussion now about what to do with Republican River water, and Senator Beutler has had some comments on that. I think I'll wait and respond to what he has to say this morning. But with that, at some point in time, certainly would like to move the bill forward.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schrock. Senator Beutler, would you give us a brief summary of your amendment to the...LB 32?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, I actually didn't give a summary of my memory the first...of my amendment the first time, since we were doing some background in order to fully understand the amendment. But to put it in a nutshell, the amendment would give the Department of Water Resources the power to say what measure of water would be given to a certain grouping of wells that were dug and registered after January 1, 2001.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Open for discussion on the Beutler amendment to LB 32. Senator Don Pederson, followed by Senators Baker, Preister, Stuthman, and Beutler. Senator Don Pederson.