

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I got out of the habit of killing bills in here about five or six years ago. Try to help pass bills or go to the bathroom when I really violently oppose one and don't want to make anybody mad. But I repeat again, we have jacked around on water so long it is time to start doing her. Now it is my understanding that we are going to do it, and I don't care whether it is 375 or 573 or anything you want to name, we are going to have one vehicle basically for the overall package and apparently by sanction of the Governor and the various opponents and proponents, they selected that particular bill and you can put the name of everybody in the Legislature on it before you are all done. But you can't have one pony running across that undoes everything you are doing in the other one, and I know you think I am exaggerating. But when you set up a highly complicated system such as we have, the natural resource districts, the water resources, the jillions of studies, and then you basically render them inoperative, inoperative by having a way to get around them all and render them meaningless, you are defeating your whole purpose. And I used that example earlier and I was dead serious. We had the toughest drunk driving law in the nation. I wrote it, and I also made the mistake that I thought Senator Kremer was going to make. I destroyed the doggone thing by going along with people that said, well, oh, this is too heavy, now we have got to have these work permits so that anybody that gets busted gets a work permit and basically wiped out the drunk driving law because the suspension suddenly meant nothing. Well, you are doing the same thing here. You have created your system. You have got it built up. It is just starting to function and some people are getting scared that it might actually work and maybe they might not like everything, and I am talking about this interest group. I don't care whether they be cowboys or stockgrowers, or whoever, they don't want to have a system that really does start doing something without at least them having the option to undo her, or to do what they want. And I am saying, no, don't start breaking her up. Don't do what we did on some other bills. We created our system, now let's make it fly. And the reason I am moving to kill the bill is because as long as it is there our attention is going here with this process, our attention is diverted from this, we don't have any clear direction on water. I think if we killed it...now I know the votes aren't here, I know it has been lined up the other way, but if we killed her today, it would be a declaration by the body that it is time to put up, and I mean put up or shut up by Schmit, by Kremer, by myself, by that Public Works Committee and put into 375 the things that we know