

that, but that's all we're saying, that's all we're saying. We aren't addressing all these other complicated problems. Senator Schrock says, stated a list of reasons why they do need water out there, all of them very valid reasons. I agree with everything he said. We left out one reason and that's drinking water. Without the drinking water, the quality drinking water first...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: ...and you won't have people around to use it for the other reasons. I seriously think if we say what we have now is our comprehensive plan and we don't address the effect that instream flows have on quality drinking water, if we allow instream flows to get too low, your nitrate contamination in your wells in Grand Island, in Omaha, in Kearney and North Platte, in Lincoln, can become contaminated. Guaranteed instream flows help the water quality in your wells, and any of you that have wells along the Platte River in your district, your water quality will not be helped by this. Their guaranteed right to that water will not be helped by this resolution and I think you should seriously...

SPEAKER BAACK: Time.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: ...consider all the options, not just your irrigators, but also your drinkers and let's and try and balance something in the future, but not this. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Morrissey. Next speaker is Senator Elmer.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members, there's been quite a lot of talk about how this is not comprehensive, how it's not a plan. When I first read this resolution as it was brought to me from Governor Crosby, former Governor Crosby, I looked at the word comprehensive and I tend to agree. And, Senator Hartnett, we can amend the resolution. We can't do that today because we're not considering it for passage. We're only considering it to be raised from committee. At a later date when we can consider it for passage, we could offer for you some wording changes so that it's not a comprehensive, it's a statement of the fact that we have in place some of the very best water law for allocation of water in the United States. A plan is a blueprint. It's an outline to build on. LR 42 was