

Senator Dierks...

SENATOR HALL: Senator Dierks, would you respond.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: How is this bill going to have anything to do with enforcement? First of all, what do you mean by enforcement, maybe I'm misunderstanding? What is it that you have in mind when you say enforcement and what is being enforced?

SENATOR DIERKS: Senator Chambers, I may have stretched it when I said enforcement, but I think that's essentially what we're talking about. We have laws on the books currently that evidently are not doing what we want them to do and this legislation will strengthen those laws to allow for the enforcement of what we think should happen in takings, not only by...at least by state government.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But how does it do that? This does not give any enforcement machinery to anybody. It does not do it, I'm lost. Well wait a minute, did you hear Senator Vrtiska or did you mention that there is a group purchasing land along the river, the Niobrara?

SENATOR DIERKS: I mentioned that. That's happened several years ago.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well if they're purchasing it, how does that have anything to do with the government taking it without compensation? The government is not even involved.

SENATOR DIERKS: I'm not sure which branch of government was involved, Senator Chambers. I just know that it happened.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well if they pay for it, how is that taking without compensation? And I'm not trying to be argumentative.

SENATOR DIERKS: No, I understand that, but I really don't know the answer to that. I just know that they ended up with the property and they were able to buy it for their price. How that occurred I'm not sure, but I know that it happened.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you.

SENATOR DIERKS: And we also know that it happened in southern