

expertise in water and hydrology issues. In Texas versus New Mexico, Texas claimed that New Mexico was withdrawing a great deal more water than they should from the Pecos because of a large number of high volume wells that are in the alluvial plane of the Pecos River. And because of this water withdrawal, Texas was not getting its fair share. The special master, in addressing this case, found that Texas' allegation were true and recommended to the Supreme Court of the United States that they find in favor of Texas in the matter, which they did. The Supreme Court then was asked to assess damages on New Mexico to be awarded to Texas, which they did in monetary recompense to Texas, in multimillions of dollars, plus the restoration of the stream flow that was agreed upon by that compact. In order to accomplish the court order, New Mexico has had to buy the water rights from its own citizens, release that water into the stream to flow into Texas, leaving that New Mexico agricultural land forever dry, plus the fact to over a period of time assessing from their General Fund tax base of their entire State of New Mexico to pay Texas damages in the millions of dollars. That case is completely decided. A second case involving the Arkansas River in a dispute between Kansas and Colorado, almost identical allegations were made that in Colorado many large volume irrigation wells, in the alluvial plane of the Arkansas River in Colorado, were reducing the stream flow into Kansas to a great extent and therefore putting Colorado in violation of their compact. A special master was appointed and the special master has recommended to the Supreme Court that they find in favor of Kansas. Now Colorado is going to find itself in the same position when the damages are assessed by the Supreme Court that New Mexico was in the case of Texas. They're going to have to shut down those wells, provide more stream flow. And because the water rights are so tight out there, it's suggested that unappropriated water may have to be diverted from the Rio Grande or the Colorado Rivers to supplement the Arkansas River flow. Now as far as monetary damages, the Supreme Court has not yet assessed upon Colorado those monetary damages which they are sure to do. Nebraska is in a very similar position as far as the compact we have with Kansas, Colorado...with Kansas and Colorado on the Republican River Basin. Kansas has alleged that we are using much more water than we should out of the Republican River Basin and has statistically put together what they estimate we are pumping. We have no way to ascertain whether these figures are accurate or not, and we wish to be able to do so. So in Section...in Section 3 of the committee amendment, we make one alteration...no, Section...yeah,