

of the underlying negotiation that needs to take place, but the reason that I passed it out to you is because there is language here that represents the difficulty that we have with Kansas and why we need to work very hard. The division of water as you can see in Article III as between the three states requires specific allocations in acre feet that will be made to each state and it's on a computation of what they call the virgin water supply, and then it goes through and shows the number of acre feet in each one of the affected basins or contributories. But the words, virgin water supply, is the key language in the compact, and depending upon what that means, from there you go to making the calculations and one of the major, and the major question that has come up not just in this compact, but in other compacts with similar verbiage is does groundwater usage, is that to be calculated or not calculated as far as the virgin water supply is concerned? What about other on-site conservation practices, ridges and contour plowing? Are those practices to be taken into account when you look at what the virgin water supply is? Well, then when you look up at what the definition of virgin water supply is, that's underlined for you up above, you see it means the water supply within the basin undepleted by the activities of man, undepleted by the activities of man. Well, of course, Kansas is going to suggest that groundwater wells are an activity of man as is the various conservation practices that we use on site in the Republican Valley and therein lies our dispute and our problem. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator. Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body, I would like to ask Senator Beutler a question if I may.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR DIERKS: Senator Beutler, in the resolution, the third whereas, it says the State of Nebraska has found the existing Republican River compact to be impossible to administer in a manner that is satisfactory to all parties. Could you tell us why it's impossible to administer?

SENATOR BEUTLER: There are a couple of items that are frequently mentioned in terms of the difficulty of administration. Certainly one is the timing of various calculations that are required and ordinarily that timing requires the calculation of the various uses actually after the