

that I don't have to be concerned that there will be some support there for that.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator, I can't promise you anything, but I can tell you this, both with respect to 108 which, as you know, is the conjunctive use bill we've been working on for some time and with respect to this resolution, we are moving on a track that requires considerable cooperation as between the natural resource districts and the State Department of Water Resources. In 108, for example, it's the NRDs who basically initiate action plans and initiate the process and DWR is in the background and then must cooperate on the surface water aspect of the coordination of uses between surface water and ground water. In the Republican, as you are aware, there are three NRDs which complicates the problem. We would expect in this instance that the department would be consulting with all three of those NRDs on numerous occasions because of the structure already of the compact. The final decision has to be made by the Department of Water Resources or by Mike Jess, rather, as our representative on the compact, but in the end finally it is the Legislature itself that has to approve anything that is done and, obviously, if the local NRDs don't support what is being done, then the political process, by the time it gets here, will probably be in a state of chaos and nothing will get done.

SENATOR DIERKS: Okay, we will have legislative oversight in the whole process though. Thank you. Thank you, Madam President.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Dierks. Senator Bohlke.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Yes, Madam President and members, Senator Elmer, if you would answer some questions, I'm sorry I was off the floor.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Elmer.

SENATOR BOHLKE: But as I understand it, this would authorize Mike Jess to make amendments to the compact that we certainly haven't discussed this in our Natural Resources Committee. I would like to understand why we're bringing this onto the floor now and we didn't put this forward as a bill or have a discussion in the Natural Resources Committee, and unless I would have a good rationale for that happening, I would stand opposed to the resolution, so I will give you a chance to respond but I would have great hesitations in us having no