

delivered. Kansas has been contending because of our groundwater use that we are overusing the water in the Republican River basin, and in order to administer the water law into the compact, there needs to be some amendments made so that we can know what kind of a framework to put together to regulate it, otherwise...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR ELMER: ...we don't have a chance.

SENATOR BOHLKE: I understand that. It seems to me that without the resolution Mike Jess could do the very same thing. It just wouldn't have what appears to be a stamp of approval from the State of Nebraska and so I am hesitant to allow that, certainly in the complicated area that we seem to have with this issue. It would seem to me that as our representative he could suggest as what he would see as appropriate amendments, but that may, in fact, be far different than the position of the state and I understand it has to come back, but once we have the resolution on the floor that he then is going forward with those recommendations speaking...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time, Senator.

SENATOR BOHLKE: ...for the state.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Bohlke, your light is next.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Speaking for the state rather than as his position as an employee of the state, I see as very different and I think has greater implications, and for that reason, I am very, very hesitant to support this, and unless I hear strong arguments from the next people who may have their light on, I would be opposed to this resolution. Thank you.

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

SENATOR BEUTLER: Madam President, members of the Legislature, I think there is no need to be fearful of this particular resolution in that it doesn't endorse anything other than to encourage our representative on the compact to forthwith address problems. There has to be a starting place someplace, there has to be a logical starting place and I think the logical starting place is with our representative to the compact and that's all