

NRD that says...

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR DIERKS: You have experts down at that NRD, Senator Elmer, that says that the impact of ground water pumping has on the Republican River streamflows, on a scale of 1 to 10, is about 1.

SENATOR ELMER: I would agree with that.

SENATOR DIERKS: And this is also the opinion of University of Nebraska experts, Mr. Ray Vendle (phonetic), and Mr. Vince Dreeszen.

SENATOR ELMER: That's correct.

SENATOR DIERKS: And you and I and Kansas also know that we provide excellent conservation practices in that Republican Valley to protect the water as it comes from Nebraska into...

SENATOR ELMER: As does Kansas and Colorado.

SENATOR DIERKS: All right. What legal experts have told you that Kansas has a good case against Nebraska?

SENATOR ELMER: Some have said they do; some have said they don't. I'm no water master or no attorney...

SENATOR DIERKS: Actually. .actually, Senator Elmer, I believe no one has said that they do, none have, legal experts.

SENATOR ELMER: Our problem is we don't know what our position is because...

SENATOR CROSBY: Time. Thank you, Senator Dierks. Senator Bohlke, followed by Hillman, Bernard-Stevens, Klein, Brashear, Beutler, Brown, Elmer, and Avery. Senator Bohlke.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Thank you, Madam President and members. I thank Senator Brashear for raising this issue. I think it's one of the three topics that I raised in committee that I thought we certainly needed to discuss on the floor and we certainly need to understand. From the time that I have served on the Natural