

committee. If you look at the committee statement, the three people that put it out...that refused to put it out were farmers, ground water irrigators. The people that put it out were not. Whose interest is being served here? Whose interest is being served? Now I am asking you if you'll have hearings again and do the study. This bill was no study. This report was no study. There hasn't been a study and you know why? Because you can't get one. You can't determine scientifically the effect of conjunctive use. It's not possible. Water flows different ways within 20 feet of each other underground. You cannot do it. Are you willing to spend all these dollars to punch holes in the aquifer and take a chance of contaminating it just for the purpose of a study? Where do we come with common sense on this issue? This is one of the most horrific bills that's ever come to this body. Senator Elmer, you're talking about...someone talked about a bill that is a continuation of a bill that was introduced here in nineteen seventy-something, Senator Bromm may have done it, that set up the NRDs and all of the distress they had. It was good then. The NRD works well. None of you can find fault with the NRDs. I would ask anybody to stand up and tell me that their NRD isn't doing what they have to. They have been told by the Natural Resources Commission that they have to provide this water management plan and they all do it, and they'll take care of all the problems that we have for them to do. You can't tell me they aren't doing it. Everybody knows that they are taking care of the problems. Ladies and gentlemen, we're being snookered. We are being snookered big time. There was a little statement that somebody made, and I wanted to call Senator Elmer's attention to it because I think he knows who it was. He was a member of the Governor's Water Council, name is Bob Kutz. Is that right, Senator Elmer? Do you know that man? He said...what do you think he meant, Senator Elmer, when he publicly stated that irrigators in the Republican River Basin would be whacked first when LB 8...108 becomes law? What do you think he meant, Mr. Kutz, a member of the Governor's Water Council, when he said publicly that irrigators in the Republican River Basin would be whacked first, and that's a direct quote, would be whacked first? I know what whack means. That's a pretty good term. We used to use it a lot around a sale barn. There are some other words they used a little more that I can't use here. He said they'd be whacked first when LB 108 becomes law. (LB) 108 cannot become law. LB 108 does nothing but expand the bureaucracy, take power away from the local control people.