

testifying on the bill. And so I do think that every attempt was made, and as I said to Senator Beutler, in the end I may end up, if my questions are answered on the bill, I may end up supporting it. I have three areas that I had told him I wished to hold a dialogue concerning the bill on the floor, and we have had that type of communication, and I just think that the process has been an excellent process, it's been a very time-consuming one and certainly Senator Beutler...

SPEAKER WITHEM: Time.

SENATOR BOHLKE: ...has put in more time than many others. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Avery.

SENATOR AVERY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Again, we've had a lot of...a lot of discussion and it continues, and I think on each amendment it's very important that we discuss the details, and there's a lot that I'd like to say, and I may get into it. I have to oppose the Dierks amendment. I think there may be some things that he's trying to clean up the language, but the substance of the first paragraph is quite interesting to me in the fact that it makes the individual show eminent cause of economic damage. And I look at the process and I think where an individual, be it a farmer or an individual to prove that, there's a lot of cost that will be there. I think that's a major flaw. If an entity could bring that forth without the individual having to do that, that should be done. I think that goes in the hands of the NRD. The comment stated that it takes away authority from the NRD, sometimes I think there would be too much authority given. I guess I don't have a real comfort level for every NRD. Some I have great respect and comfort for. There are some that I have a little less, not to say they are trying, but I look at these individuals, and if that is the case, if they aren't representing the people, then maybe we need to do away with the whole process, but I think that would be foolish as well. We have established an NRD system to bring it to the local individuals, so the local people have control. They have the say-so in terms of conservation management, investment practices and this bill, 108, will do that. I don't think some of these amendments, they will cause conflict and actually cause an individual more damage than is necessary if it is played out. With that, I would like to yield any of my extra