

have not had input provided for them in the bill. I think that's simple enough. I would urge your support of that amendment. I need to...I need to respond to a couple of points that were made, and I think it was Senator Wickersham that said something to the effect we keep hearing about states that have conjunctive use water laws, and that Nebraska is just behind the times. Nebraska is not behind the times, Senator Wickersham. Nebraska is not behind the times on conjunctive water use law. The three biggest states in the nation that do ground water irrigation are California, Texas and Nebraska. California leads the nation with 18 million acre feet per year. Texas does 10 million acre feet per year; Nebraska, 8.5 million acre feet per year. Texas and California do not have conjunctive water use law. It's not there. Now some of the states around us, Wyoming, Colorado, you hear about them. Sure, they have. Ninety percent of their irrigators are surface water irrigators. They can't be compared to Nebraska. I still maintain that what we do is hang a cloud over the ground water irrigators in Nebraska with this legislation. It's bad policy for this state to do ground water...do conjunctive water use when you are going to put controls on 85 percent on those who are doing it, and allow the 15 percent to go free. I'd like to...I'd like to ask Senator Elmer a question. Senator Elmer.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Elmer, can you respond?

SENATOR ELMER: You bet.

SENATOR DIERKS: I am sorry, I am going to ask Senator Schrock a question. Is Schrock here? Senator Schrock. You can sit down, Senator Elmer. I am going to pick on Senator Schrock.

SENATOR ELMER: I'd love to talk to you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Schrock.

SENATOR DIERKS: Senator Schrock, how will LB 108 affect the implementation of the FERC and the relicensing of Kingsley Dam?

SENATOR SCHROCK: You've kind of caught me cold on that issue, Cap. I guess I don't have a good answer for you on that.

SENATOR DIERKS: Just say it doesn't, that will take care of it.