

are going to be addressed under 108, or if it is going to continue to be the way that it is now?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, there are no statutory changes suggested with regard to the nonuse rule, but the rule would still be applicable, even if 108 were in effect.

SENATOR HUDKINS: And one final question, if you have your bill in front of you, on page 40, and I think Senator Dierks brought this to our attention partially, on page 40, on line 4, talking about the groups that can be at a hearing, you use the word "may". Are you with me?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Um-num.

SENATOR HUDKINS: Okay, and then on page 52, it talks about another hearing process and it says...

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Time. Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: I will yield some time to Senator Hudkins, if she wants to continue that line of questioning, but, Senator, first, if I might, just a quick remark. I think Senator Dierks made some reference to something I had said hoping I would put on my light and talk about the bill. I guess I'll... I can do that later, but, Senator, just briefly, let me suggest to you that it doesn't really make any difference to me what the water laws are in other states except if we want to borrow from them and use them in any respect that they make sense for the state of Nebraska. Whether or not our policies are exactly the same, or in step, or in tune, or out of times I don't think is really the way to characterize my position on this bill. I think the bill is timely. It is time that we recognize, as I noted before, what we all know for a fact to be true, and that we start developing the legal relationships that will recognize the facts as they exist underground and on the surface, and if we don't do it, the courts will. I am unwilling to leave it by default to the courts. It's as simple as that. Senator Hudkins.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Senator Hudkins, you have about, a little over three minutes and fifty seconds.

SENATOR HUDKINS: Thank you. I won't need that much time.