

don't know how this relates to 108. I will say that we probably, if we will end up with a lawsuit with Kansas we will end up with some incredibly expensive documentation work. How that relates to this bill I, I'm not sure. I've been assured a few minutes ago, this point, we don't see that there, that there's not an acknowledgement of a cost at this point. I don't know whether that's complete or not.

SENATOR DIERKS: Yeah, I'm sure it's complete. It's complete by whoever wants you to feel it's complete, Senator. We can walk into the thing with a blindfold on or we can be realistic about it. It's going to cost us, folks. This bill is going to cost us big time bucks. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM PRESIDING

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Hillman.

SENATOR HILLMAN: Yes, Mr. Speaker, members, I was interested in some of the discussion on the cost of studies and what that study might be. Serving on the Water Council, has been the concern of many of us is the fact that there probably will be studies and probably should be studies because the data is nonexistent. That's one of the problems we have in making any kind of decision when it comes to conjunctive use, is we do not have the data. It can be a small area, a large area, as Senator Dierks said, and it's, it will have to be taken on a case-by-case basis. But to perhaps lend some idea of what that might be, I do know that in the North Platte Valley River Basin, they are currently contemplating a study, looking at the relationship between surface water and in-stream flows, and they have put out an RFP, but they also have some indication from consultants that to do that type of study for the whole North Platte Valley River Basin would run somewhere around a quarter of a million dollars, 250,000. That local NRD also, over a several year period, did a water quality study in that area to detect what types of nitrates and water quality and problems that we have in that area, and it ran approximately \$300,000. So I don't disagree that there will be money involved, and one of the reasons there will is because we do not have data and needed data that I think will not only be used in this, but I think there will be other points in times where we're going to be looking at the, whether it's the Endangered Species Act or some other, that if we have some models in place that we are