

better fit to, I think, look at controlling our own destiny, if we have proper data rather than somebody else coming up and telling us what exists. So having said that I think that the \$10 million figure that Senator Dierks used perhaps is a little exorbitant, again, depending upon the project. But I know many projects that cover a large area that are going to be very involved have had, to my personal knowledge, a 250,000 or 300,000 dollar price tag with them. With that I would give the remainder of my time to Senator Beutler.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Beutler, you have two and a half minutes left.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Hillman, thank you. Senator Withem, members of the Legislature, no one has spoken to the amendment yet and I just wanted to say briefly that I believe the amendment will not work in the procedures that have been set up in the bill. First of all, it's inappropriate on page 61, line 3, in the sense that there is no need for it because the district the NRD, is the one involved in this. There's no point to getting involved the Interrelated Water Review Committee, which is essentially two members of the public...of the Natural Resources Commission and the Governor. That committee was set up to resolve conflicts down the way, not to be there every step, micromanaging along the way, where there is no point to their intervention. And, finally, the amendment then is not coordinated with the section on the Interrelated Water Committee, back on page 71, which requires that they be appointed at the request of a district or the department, and that they not be appointed until such time as there is a conflict. And so we would have to change language in another part of the bill to do this right, even if you wanted to do it. But I suggest to you that it's not a particularly thoughtful idea to begin with. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Beutler. You were using Senator Hillman's time, you are now recognized to speak on your own time.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I just call the question.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Beutler has asked if the question could be called. Do I see five hands? Senator Dierks, what is the purpose of your objection? Just one second, let me check here.