

Dierks. Senator Dierks, would you be willing to answer some questions?

SENATOR DIERKS: Yes, I will, thank you.

SENATOR ELMER: Senator Dierks, I know that you've worked closely with your NRDs up in your district. Do you feel that the NRDs are doing a good job up there?

SENATOR DIERKS: Do I feel they are doing a good job? Oh, yes.

SENATOR ELMER: In your particular district, and with your NRD, would you agree that NRD directors are elected by their constituents to be policymakers and facilitators?

SENATOR DIERKS: I would.

SENATOR ELMER: In order to facilitate, would you feel that the natural resource districts should have access to the best possible technical information regarding the subject that they're working on?

SENATOR DIERKS: Absolutely.

SENATOR ELMER: Wouldn't you feel that, if an NRD requested information from the National Geographic Survey, the University of Nebraska, the geologists, or the Department of Water Resources, that they should have access to that information from those people?

SENATOR DIERKS: Yes, I do.

SENATOR ELMER: Doesn't your amendment eliminate the possibility, in the case of 108, that the NRDs request cooperation and information from the Department of Water Resources?

SENATOR DIERKS: No, it does not.

SENATOR ELMER: In the beginning of Section 55, it says, if a result of information available to the Department of Water Resources, or a request by a district following preliminary investigation, the Director of Water Resources can make a preliminary determination. Part of the necessary structure in