

If we're willing to look ahead today and say, we know what's happening, we know what's going to happen if we don't act, there are some hard decisions, but we need to act. And this particular provision...

SPEAKER WITHEM: Time, Senator.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...that is being (inaudible) mechanism of the bill.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Hudkins.

SENATOR HUDKINS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. I would like to ask Senator Schrock a question.

SPEAKER WITHEM: You're asking who a question, Senator?

SENATOR HUDKINS: Senator Schrock.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Schrock, would you care to respond to a question?

SENATOR SCHROCK: Yes.

SENATOR HUDKINS: Senator Schrock, I appreciate the map because it has a lot of information. But I have a couple of questions on it. First thing, the map says prior to development of 1992. Aren't there any newer maps than this?

SENATOR SCHROCK: We tried to obtain newer maps from the Department of Water Resources, and they don't have newer maps. Now, they do take observation levels every year or at least on a periodic basis. And the thing they did tell me that there has not been much change in the map since then because we have had, depending on where in the state you're from, we've had a fairly stable water table since this map was taken place. We've had some wet years, but the four years prior to this map were drought years, and so if this map would have been dated 1988, it would have showed lower declines.

SENATOR HUDKINS: And I think that's what I'm getting to because a few years ago there was a lot of gloom and doom around Harlan County dam, it was so low. And they said we'll never have this much water, it will never be full again. Well, then surprise,