

SENATOR SCHROCK: Senator Bromm, when there's disputes between the natural resource districts and the Department of Water Resources, would you like to review with the body what takes place.

SENATOR BROMM: You mean under this bill?

SENATOR SCHROCK: Under LB 108.

SENATOR BROMM: Okay. In 108, if there would be a dispute, and again, if it's between NRDs, if it involves more than one NRD, like Upper Republican, Middle Republican and so forth, the Department of Water Resources would attempt to...would attempt to encourage and facilitate a resolution, but the Department of Water Resources would not have the power to dictate a solution to those two NRDs. Now, if it involves.. if it involves a question of complying with an interstate compact or decree, or an agreement involving another state and the Department of Water Resources feels that the NRD is not doing their job to take the steps necessary to comply with that decree, then they can initiate steps and a plan to comply with that decree. But before they would do that, they would again have to give the local NRD an opportunity to do that on their own. Then after DWR would formulate the plan, they have to give the local NRD the opportunity to carry out that plan. And if that doesn't happen, then DWR, to comply with that interstate compact or decree, could initiate and implement the plan. Now that's...I mean I hope that's what you're talking about, Senator Schrock. If...is that the area that you were questioning?

SENATOR SCHROCK: Okay. Where does the...

SENATOR BROMM: Right.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Where's the Natural Resource Commission and the Governor come into play then?

SENATOR BROMM: Okay. And that's...that's the...if the DWR feels then that the local NRD has not taken the necessary steps and they prescribe that a plan be implemented and the NRD doesn't agree with that, then it's subject to review by the interrelated water committee, which is the two NRC members and the representative of the Governor. And if they...then they would decide whether or not DWR is on the right track and