

whether they agree with them or whether the NRD is correct. So that's the additional buffer that we really haven't talked about, and I'm glad you brought that out. I think that was kind of where you were leading, right?

SENATOR SCHROCK: And there's some individuals concerned about the three people that are going to decide these disputes. I have a certain amount of comfort level with the Natural Resource Commission, having served on it four years. And I would like to refresh the body's memory as to who serves on the Natural Resource Commission. The Natural Resource Commission has 13 members, one from each watershed in the state of Nebraska. I would have to admit that most of the people who serve on the Natural Resource Commission are agricultural people, and that's where my level of comfort comes from. There are three people appointed by the Governor to serve on the...

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: One minute.

SENATOR SCHROCK: ...Natural Resource Commission, one of them has to be a surface water irrigator, one of them has to be a ground water irrigator, and one of them has to be a...has to represent the municipalities of the state of Nebraska. I believe that this three-member committee would be very fair, and Senator Beutler would probably agree with me, this committee was probably weighted in the favor of agriculture, and I believe that's the way it should be. And it's going to be a political struggle for the Governor if he does something that damages irrigated agriculture. So I believe we have some good safeguards in this bill. And I'm comfortable with the way it is now, and I don't believe we need Senator Dierks' amendment at this time.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Senator Schrock. Senator Dierks, you're recognized at this time.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. The...I think the discussion has been equal this morning, and I'm glad we're having it, I think it's necessary for all of us. I'd like to ask Senator Elmer a question. Is Senator Elmer on the floor?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: I'm sorry, Senator Dierks, was that a request?