

SENATOR DIERKS: Yes.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: And I missed the request then.

SENATOR DIERKS: I'd like to ask Senator Elmer a question.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Senator Elmer, would you yield?

SENATOR ELMER: Be glad to.

SENATOR DIERKS: Senator Elmer, is Nebraska in compliance with the Republican River Compact?

SENATOR ELMER: According to the Department of Water Resources, every year except one we have been. According to the water authorities in Kansas, we have not been in four years.

SENATOR DIERKS: My information is, from the legal counsel we've talked with, that Nebraska is in compliance with the Republican contract and...

SENATOR ELMER: It's the belief of the water authorities in the state of Nebraska that currently that we are in compliance.

SENATOR DIERKS: Okay. I think that should be on the record. I guess the thing I'm wondering about, and I'd like to ask Senator Bromm this question, if I could, please.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Senator Bromm, would you yield to a question?

SENATOR BROMM: Sure.

SENATOR DIERKS: On page 61 of the committee amendments, the actual bill, we're striking Section 55 with my amendment. If you go down to line 10, it talks about difficulties fulfilling the provisions of other formal state contracts or agreements. Would you...could you tell me what those other state contracts or agreements are? We...we kind of decided that the Republican River Compact is one of them. Are there others?

SENATOR BROMM: Right. Senator Dierks, in the Water Council, as I recall, the reference in that language was to a possible