

NRDs have. I'd like to ask Senator Beutler a question, please. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR DIERKS: Senator Beutler, with the knowledge that the Republican River Compact is being honored, and with the knowledge that we have compacts with Wyoming and Colorado now, would you tell me what the real interest or the need for this bill is at this time. Why do we need it right today? Why can't we delay this, have this kind of legislation when the time...when it's necessary? What real driving force is there that says we got to have this today?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator, there are a number of things. First of all, there are existing conflicts between surface water users and ground water users within Nebraska. Secondly, there is a looming debate with the federal government over a couple of major issues. If a decision should come down on that and should we have to act to protect surface water flows, we could not do so.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Time, Senator Beutler. Senator Schimek. Senator Schimek, are you in the Chamber? I do not see Senator Schimek. Senator Crosby.

SENATOR CROSBY: Question.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Question has been called. Are there five hands? I do see five hands. The question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Senator Crosby. You certainly may. And I cut you off. And...

SENATOR CROSBY: Well, then I'd just like to have a record vote.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: A machine vote?

SENATOR CROSBY: A roll call...roll call vote.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: A roll call vote?

SENATOR CROSBY: Right.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: All right. Senator Crosby has asked