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LB 108

(LB) 108 isn't going to help it; isn't going to hurt it.
(LB) 108 will affect only the ground water users in those districts down there.

SENATOR ELMER: (LB) 108 will only aid Nebraska in answering the claims or making a mitigation, if necessary, and to try to put into effect measures that will not be economically damaging at a time when conservation would be adequate to answer the problem. Without...without being able to put into effect conservation measures that are not economically damaging, further development could make future sanctions that could be brought...

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR ELMER: ..against us...

SENATOR DIERKS: But further development can't take place.

SENATOR ELMER: ..very, very damaging to the state of Nebraska.

SENATOR DIERKS: Senator Elmer, further development can't take place because the NRDs have already put the stop to that.

SENATOR ELMER: No, just the Upper Republican. The Middle...

SENATOR DIERKS: Well, I mean...

SENATOR ELMER: ..and Lower have not.

SENATOR DIERKS: ..but the NRD did that.

SENATOR ELMER: That's right.

SENATOR DIERKS: The NRD in the Lower Republican and the NRD in the Upper Elkhorn...

SENATOR ELMER: That's right, but that's not...

SENATOR DIERKS: ..make all...

SENATOR ELMER: ..that's not in answer to a surface water problem. That's in answer to a depletion of the water table in the aquifer.