

SENATOR DIERKS: But (inaudible).

SENATOR ELMER: It's not...it has no impact on the surface water at this point.

SENATOR DIERKS: Whatever it's for, the NRD can do it.

SENATOR ELMER: No, the NRD cannot put a restriction on any kind or require a management practice to mitigate a surface water problem. They do not have the authority.

SENATOR DIERKS: They can mitigate...they can reflect on the problems with the ground water though. They have that authority.

SENATOR ELMER: They can reflect on the...if the ground water levels decline beyond a certain point, any NRD in the state has that power...

SENATOR DIERKS: Well, see, that's the thing.

SENATOR ELMER: ..to address the quantity of water in the aquifer.

SENATOR CROSBY: Time.

SENATOR DIERKS: We've got that problem. We've got it already. We don't need 108.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Dierks. Senator Bromm.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Madam President, and I had to be out for a little bit. Are we on amendment 553...552, Mr. Clerk? Is it FA552?

ASSISTANT CLERK: (FA)553. (See pages 1296-97 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR BROMM: (FA)553, okay. Thank you. In looking at the language of the amendment 553 and trying to determine whether or not this would be a workable suggested change in the bill, I'm...I guess I'm trying to understand whether or not in all cases it would be wise policy to say that ground water users and surface water users would share equally in reducing the water