

I think there has been an established...beginning of an established history where those issues, those conflicts end up being decided somewhere else, not in Nebraska, because they become very intense and very complex legal conflicts between states and between the state and the federal government. That's the section of the bill I think may or may not work for Nebraska when we're in those situations. Again, I will not be voting to support the Dierks amendment because I think it's in conflict with my philosophy of correlative rights and wanted to add my input on the discussion about whether or not we are going to be resolving any of these federal or state conflicts with the process we've established in 108.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Senator McKenzie. Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, not on the amendment but on the bill, I did pass out a map this morning. I wanted to briefly explain that. And if Senator Beutler is listening, he can correct me if I'm saying something wrong here, but when there's a dispute between the natural resource district and the Department of Water Resources, it goes to a three-member negotiating team that will resolve that dispute. Is that correct? He's not here. Owen says yes, so I'm on the right track here. And I wanted to increase the comfort level of those of us in the rural area. If you have a chance to look at that map, the other two members are selected by the Natural Resources Commission and, as I recall, Owen, the commission will do the selecting. So the 16-member board shall select 2 members from that board to resolve the dispute. In this case...in this case you will notice that there are 14 agribusiness people who are members of that commission and they will select 2 people out of the 16 from amongst themselves to resolve the dispute. Having served on the Natural Resources Commission, I know some of those individuals, have a lot of comfort level with those people in making sound decisions. So I wanted to pass that out and I hope that my rural colleagues are taking a look at it because in areas of dispute I think we have people on that commission who are very interested in water and very knowledgeable about the issues.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Senator Schrock. There are no lights on. Senator Dierks, did you wish to close on your amendment?