

now in place in 108.

SENATOR DIERKS: I can't imagine people being any more uncomfortable than they are with this legislation, but maybe you're right. The uncomfortable level gets pretty high up in my country with 108. It...I guess I'm still trying to have you tell me the compelling need for this legislation.

SENATOR COORDSEN: One minute.

SENATOR DIERKS: The a...

SENATOR ELMER: Okay.

SENATOR DIERKS: And especially as it...

SENATOR ELMER: We have a situation...

SENATOR DIERKS: ..refers to the Republican River bottom.

SENATOR ELMER: We have a situation where currently in the state of Nebraska there is no...there is no way for the Department of Water Resources or natural resource districts to manage the use of an interrelated aquifer. Where an aquifer is interrelated or hydrologically connected, to be able to manage that aquifer is not within the capability legally of either the Department of Water Resources or the natural resource districts.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you. How's the time, Mr. Speaker?

SENATOR COORDSEN: About 20 seconds.

SENATOR DIERKS: Okay, I just want to go back to my original statement, Senator Elmer, that the comfort level of the people that I represent is not very high right now with LB 108. Matter of fact, it's pretty low, and it's difficult for them to understand the necessity of this legislation that will provide difficulties for them, provide supervision, provide government regulations, provide grandfather Nebraska looking over their shoulders in everything they do. What we're...this is the point I'm trying to get about, is it...it is not necessary. We don't need it. The people I represent don't want it and we hope that the rest of the body can understand that. The bankers don't like it. That became evident with this letter we got. There