

irrigator that supports 108. I find some board members of NRDs, I find some individuals in different businesses that support 108, but I do not find any irrigators or farmers that support 108. They all said, why are you doing this? Why do we have to have this bill this year? Why not put it off one more year or two years or do some more study or do anything? But why do we have to have 108 right now? When you put that head under that tent of that camel, you're going to start problems, and that's what 108 does. It's...you're starting some problems with the rural sector of this state. You don't have to do that. I don't think 108 is really needed. I know there have been some comments made about, we've had studies and studied...we've studied it to death, but not with the person that's out there irrigating and actually in agriculture. You're talking to the individuals that are the head people of the NRDs, the people that are on the boards who have been...said, well, if we don't do it, we're going to be sued and we're going to do all these other things to us. It's a scare tactic that won't happen. (LB) 108 is a bill that's probably the biggest piece of legislation we've had in this state, probably ever, for water, because it is a tremendous bill. Senator Dierks is right. It's something that does not have to happen. It may not even affect people in my area, but they don't like the idea of the state coming in and saying, you will do this and you will do that. We're trying to move away from dictatorship in this state. I think, with the property tax bills, we're probably headed in the right direction. This bill is headed in the wrong direction. So, when you make your vote after a while on the cloture, think about what you're doing to rural Nebraska. This vote...or this bill is not needed. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: The clerk has informed me there's a priority motion on the desk. The Chair would recognize Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Withem, members of the Legislature, I have moved to invoke the cloture rule. We have debated this matter for the full...

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Beutler, you've made the motion. There's no further debate. The question before the body is, shall cloture be invoked? All of those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. The question before the body is, shall cloture be invoked? Those wishing to vote should record their vote. Record, Mr. Clerk.