

I think it's...I think it's a wise compromise. And one of the ways you measure something is whether or not everybody is happy. And I suspect that on both sides of the coin here, those who feel that environmental interests, perhaps, and some of those who are particularly interested in in-stream flows and things for other purposes are not extremely happy with this bill. In fact, I'm sure they're not. There are ground water irrigators who would prefer not to ever recognize that there's ever any relationship between surface water and ground water, but I think many of them realize that that has to come to pass because that is the reality in some places. And as much as we deal with fantasy in this body, usually reality comes through when it comes to the end result of legislation. So those folks aren't real happy with having a bill, so I think the two, the two ends of the spectrum are not real happy. I think there's a good process, though, that's put in place with many safeguards and I think the amendments that we have here today are one more, one more safeguard, if you will, to provide sort of a...of an example of a pilot project to see if this system in fact will, will provide some help in those parts of the state that are subject to three-state interstate compacts. We'll see if it helps any. The other provision, Senator Dierks' provision, I think is...is fine to have in there since I think that was the intent all the way along as well. Again, thanks to those senators who helped bring this amendment about and I encourage the body to support it.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Bromm. Senator Bohlke.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Madam Speaker and members, Senator Robinson wanted me to call the question and I'll do what I usually do when Senator Robinson directs me what to do, and (laughs) that's go ahead and just make a few brief remarks. Certainly I think that, as you know, I was one of the members of the Natural Resources Committee that voted no on 108 as it came out of committee, named a few areas that were areas of concern of mine. Yesterday, last evening, Senator McKenzie and I cosigned an amendment on...with the pilot project. We also cosigned an amendment that had to do with the cost factor that I had also said was a concern of mine. Since then and since the discussing of actually talking about putting the Environmental Trust named in statute in state law I have determined, and Senator McKenzie, that that is probably not the best, best way to ensure that they will be partners in that payment plan. And so I asked