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SENATOR BEUTLER: ...determining a management...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: ...it shall be a factor.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...area, that will not be a factor in those processes.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Okay. So at this point there is no...it'll be share and share alike. The future may change that, is that...

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, the language that gives the NRDs some prerogatives with regard to that is still in the bill.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Okay.

SENATOR BEUTLER: But in setting up a management area and making that decision or making the decision whether or not to prepare a joint management plan, those factors are not going to be considered for those purposes.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Okay, thank you.

SENATOR BEUTLER: That's my understanding.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator. Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Madam President and members of the Legislature, Senator Elmer, would you be available to answer a couple of questions?

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Elmer.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Obviously you represent the upper basin of the Republican water shed and I represent the lower basin of the Republican water shed. There's been a lot of concern about the Kansas situation. But I think it'd be helpful to the Legislature, and you know the situation better than I do, if we could talk a little bit about the Upper Republican NRD because they've had to deal with the ground water declines. I found the conversation on correlative rights very interesting because I've always felt that even though the water is owned by the state, that for some reason or another I had an inherent right to pump the water underneath the property I own. And I know that's not