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SENATOR VRTISKA: ...dealing with. And I need to get an understanding of if they can't come to a compromise or some kind of a way to resolve this issue, then I suspect it's going to become more and more difficult in these issues. And I can understand the board wanting to make decisions and try to stick with their decisions if they think, in fact, it's again in the best interests of the community and the area that they serve. So I have a difficult time in now saying, well, if they don't agree, we're going to go to the Legislature and get a law...a law changed, basically, for this one particular project that I have a problem with. And as a result, I am probably...I'm not going to support your...your move to bring this bill to the floor at this time, unless I can be more convinced that this is, in fact, the right way we should go. With that, I'll turn the rest of my time back. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I am not unsympathetic to Senator Beutler's plight here and the plight of the Lower Platte NRD. It's very interesting that the counties would allow 17 or 18 dams to be built, and then all of a sudden block the last one, and arguably the largest and most important one. I was on the Natural Resources Commission when this project was approved, the Weeping Water Flood Control Project. I happen to believe the project is very important to people in that watershed when it comes to flood control. However, I think Senator Beutler has identified the problem. Unfortunately, I don't think this was the solution. I will work to try and resolve that issue with Senator Beutler, with the Lower Platte NRD, with Cass County, whatever means I have available to me. I can tell you that the Natural Resources Commission has the money there and they will leave it there until this is resolved, that's what I am told by Dayle Williamson and some commission members. So the Natural Resources Commission has the money there. This is not only state money involved here, this is not only natural resources district money involved here, I believe there is federal cost-share money also involved. There is controversy about the site, about the...about whether it is the appropriate site and whether it's the best site for flood control. Certainly I'm not an engineer, I would not try to get into that debate, but it has