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SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Beutler, would you like the time?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Please.

SPEAKER BROMM: You're recognized, Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Schrock, the point I was getting to was this, that this particular amendment strikes me as what you're envisioning as part of the total solution to these problems that we've discussed so far, in particular the Republican Valley funding, and maybe in the future the Platte funding. And it certainly seems to me like the flexibility that you're suggesting in this amendment would be a good thing. But shouldn't this be part of an interim study, studying how we're going to address the whole thing altogether?

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator,...

SENATOR SCHROCK: Senator Beutler, I think the task force is discussing issues such as you're proposing. I've been a part...

SENATOR BEUTLER: Shouldn't the task force be considering this particular item, so that we know altogether how this matter is going to be handled? Why is it that one part of the matter is okay for now, but other parts of the matter should await the results of further interim studies and task force solutions?

SENATOR SCHROCK: Senator Beutler, the task force is looking at sources of funding. And with their encouragement, I introduced a bill in the Revenue...I don't know the fate of it yet...that would allow the NRDs in a water management area to use another one-half cent property tax levy for this type of...for these type of issues. One of the things farmers fear is more taxes. They don't want their water taxed, and I think you know that. Right or wrong,...

SENATOR BEUTLER: "Their" water, Senator?

SENATOR SCHROCK: Their water, the state's water, you take your choice. You got me there. They don't want the water they're using taxed. How's that sound? And so...