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SENATOR BEUTLER: They don't want the state to tax its own water.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Right. So they looked at additional property tax levy that would lie outside the lids, for water management purposes, to be used. And so I did introduce this bill. And I don't know the outcome of it. But it's going to take more resources in these areas where there's limited water supply, where there's interstate water compacts, where there's agreements with other states. It's going to take more resources if we're going to manage the water properly. And you know, if you live in that area of the state, you will understand that without water, things were pretty bleak last year.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I think I understand that. But what I don't understand is why there advances to the floor a part of the solution of the problem, which envisions the expanded use of General Funds for additional purposes, but nothing related to any fees or any other parts of the solution, or any contribution from users of water. None of that proceeds to the floor. All of that needs to have an interim study, apparently. You did kill the bill relating to a \$10 tax on wells, right?

SENATOR SCHROCK: That's correct.

SENATOR BEUTLER: That would have gone into the purpose of these very same things.

SENATOR SCHROCK: That's correct.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Right. And this isn't directly related, but livestock fee, the livestock fee bill, you did kill one of those already, right?

SENATOR SCHROCK: That's correct.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Even though it was your own bill, Senator, right?

SENATOR SCHROCK: Yes. Yes.