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about how they should be solved? Oh, did you say time is up?

SPEAKER BROMM: Time, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I'm sorry, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: The next light is Senator Schrock, if you'd like to...Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Only to say, Senator Chambers, that the members of the task force actually determined where the meetings were going to be. And it was an attempt to make it a central location, for the most part. And we did have a map downstairs that showed where all the task force members were from. Certainly a large percentage of them were irrigators, I would tell you that. With that, I'll give the rest of my time back to the Chair.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Schrock. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Schrock, if I could, I'd like to start the process of going back and forth with you, so that this process becomes clear, at least to me.

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Schrock, would you yield, please?

SENATOR SCHROCK: Yes, I will.

SENATOR BEUTLER: And again, I'm starting on the bottom of page 82, and want to proceed from that, because as I understand what's happening here with regard to the basic mechanisms of the bill, putting aside all the cleanup language and the closing out of appropriations rights and that sort of thing, but going to what's new and what actually causes this bill to be important, it all starts with the Department of Water Resources, as I read it. By January 1 of 2006, a little over a year or so from now, they're going to be expected to complete an evaluation of the expected long-term availability of hydrologically connected water supplies for both existing and new surface water users and existing and new groundwater users in each of the state's river basins, and shall issue a report that describes the results of