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the evaluation. And it goes on to say that the river basin may be divided up into two or more subbasins or reaches. So the department is going to do this study, and they have certain kinds of decisions that they can make based on this study. And in making those decisions they can talk about the whole river, or they can talk about a small creek coming into that river, or they could talk about and make this decision with regard to a little branch of that small creek coming into that river. Is that accurate?

SENATOR SCHROCK: That's correct. Although I think most of the task force members would have thought most of these issues would be based on their NRDs. But certainly, in the case of the Central Platte NRD and the Twin Platte NRD, their moratoriums are in areas that are close to the Platter River and would impact the river the most, so they aren't basin...they aren't NRD-wide.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. So what...as...well, let me just ask you. Am I correct in saying that basically one of the three decisions that they can reach is either that a particular area is not fully appropriated, or two, it is fully appropriated, or three, it's over-appropriated?

SENATOR SCHROCK: That is correct, Senator.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Is that the basic starting point?

SENATOR SCHROCK: Those three decisions...

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay.

SENATOR SCHROCK: ...can be reached by the Department of Natural Resources.

SENATOR BEUTLER: All right. And can we get rid of one of those rather quickly? If it's not fully appropriated, nothing in addition to what people can do right now kicks in. Is that...

SENATOR SCHROCK: That's correct.