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proactive. I was probably one of those when the task force was being recommended thinking that it's probably not going to work. And one after one, people came back in and testified that they thought it wouldn't, but they were very pleased at the way the Water Policy Task Force worked. The consensus agreement was, can you all live with this? And I think there was a lot of agreement. I think it was a broad-based group of people that came there from every different aspect.

SPEAKER BROMM: One minute.

SENATOR KREMER: And I think it was...they did excellent work. I think if we don't do some...have some funding for this as far as research and monitoring and everything, that all the work of the Water Policy Task Force will be for naught. I think it's very important that we put some money in here. I agree with everybody. With our shortfall the way it is now, where do we find it? But I think, what happens if we don't find it? And I think that would be much more costly than it is if we put some money in here. I know the amount that's been recommended now is only half what they feel like they really need. I think it's very important for rural economic development, for our schools, for our small towns. And I think it benefits the whole state very much. Thank you for your time.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Kremer. Senator Thompson.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I yield my time to Senator Beutler.

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Beutler, you have just under five minutes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Thompson, thank you very much. And I would yield for purpose of discussions with Senator Schrock again also. I would yield to Senator Schrock.

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Schrock.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Schrock, following up on our earlier conversation with regard to whether that paragraph that starts