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on line 13 of 86 applies to the...is intended to reply to the Republican River Valley, and you indicated that it was not.

SENATOR SCHROCK: That is correct. It is not.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Is that right? Okay. Now over on the next page, up on line 4, once the Department of Natural Resources...well, let me just read you what it says, and you tell me what it means. And this is really a point that I don't quite understand. It says, "Within sixty days after the effective date of this act,"--and I didn't see an operative date on this bill. Is there an operative date at all?

SENATOR SCHROCK: Jody, is there...what's the operative date on this bill? July 1? July 1, Senator.

SENATOR BEUTLER: July 1?

SENATOR SCHROCK: Yes. January...or June 30, whatever.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. Whatever.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Take your pick.

SENATOR BEUTLER: After the effective date of...within 60 days after the effective date of this act, the department shall designate which river basins, subdivisions, or reaches are over-appropriated. Now, going back to the triggering mechanism, which I thought was this evaluation that would take place before January 1, 2006, it...that didn't seem to anticipate that there would be a declaration by the department of over-appropriated areas within 60 days of the effective date of the act. Can you kind of relate those two things for me? I'm confused in that regard.

SENATOR SCHROCK: As I best understand it, Senator Beutler, the Platte River, it will be the only one in this bill that will be declared fully appropriated, or over-appropriated, 60 days after the bill takes place. And that's because of the memorandum agreement, or cooperative agreement we have with two other states, and that's Colorado and Wyoming. And the other basins