

TRANSCRIPT PREPARED BY THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE
Transcriber's Office
FLOOR DEBATE

March 2, 2004

LB 962

SENATOR SCHROCK: You are correct, Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: So you have a...we're not satisfied with one decisionmaker but we're creating a process that you go through and have mediation...

SENATOR SCHROCK: Yeah, they mediate and they...

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...and then you have yet another process if you can't agree.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Yeah, that's correct.

SENATOR BEUTLER: What, well, let me ask you this. If it's just one NRD out of three that doesn't agree with the department and the other two NRDs, they can ask for mediation, and if they still don't agree, they can ask for the interagency board, is that right?

SENATOR SCHROCK: Right, that's correct.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Isn't that a lot of process when three out of four people agree on something?

SENATOR SCHROCK: You are probably correct there, but I will say this. I don't think many of us on the task force envision the interwater related board making many decisions. I think the facts will be presented to them and they will agree. Matter of fact, I'd make the statement, I'll bet in the next...if this bill passes,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR SCHROCK: ...I would guess in the next five years there might be only one or two cases where an issue is brought in front of that interwater related board because I think they'll come to agreement before that.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. Thank you, Senator.