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putting forward to you this bill today rejected that in the past. They rejected that ten years ago, and the consequence of rejecting that, of having rejected that, is that now they think...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...they have to pay for all of those rights that have been established in the nineties and in the early twenty-first century. They're going to buy out all of those. Shouldn't have let it happen in the first place, and now the same people who fought reasonable provisions ten years ago are going to ask for General Fund monies to pay for these very things. And right out there today they're still sticking holes in the state of Nebraska, new wells. One state official told me that there were new wells being put into the ground now at a rate that we usually see over a period of three or four years. Obviously, people are putting wells in the ground just as fast as they can, because they know this is coming. And what are we going to do? They stick the well in the ground, then we have to buy them out? I think there should be more discussion on this whole thing.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR BEUTLER: But think about that.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Schrock, on FA1517 to the first division.

SENATOR SCHROCK: First of all, I will vote for Senator Chambers' amendment. In response to Senator Beutler, Senator Beutler, \$2.5 million is what we're asking for the first year. That's a tenth of 1 percent of the state budget. I think water is that important. And I would agree with you on some fees if it were not for the fact that the farmers in this state pay such a heavy burden to operate in this state. You go to any state around us, there's no personal property tax. For what it's worth, about 2 percent of the people in this state are farmers, and they pay 21.5 percent of the property tax burden. Now isn't that enough? We're the only state that pays a checkoff on grain