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couldn't agree more with you. Water certainly is precious and water is a commodity that is critical to the future of not only rural Nebraska but all of Nebraska. But I'm...let's not mask the issue. This is about irrigation. Irrigators will grow more crop and irrigators use 88 percent of the water that's used in Nebraska. Now, the \$2.5 million that we're talking about, you know, frankly, if Senator Wehrbein and the Appropriations Committee can work this in, that's wonderful. I'm concerned long term how in the world do we fund this? Because, you know, as I see it, we've got NRDs would be authorized to increase their levy limit by 1 cent, and granted, they have to spend up to their 4.5 percent maximum before the 1 cent kicks in, but I've been in government and I understand how you can creatively increase your budget to get to the point where you need to be. And you know what? That's okay. It's okay that the NRD may have more authority, it's okay that it may be outside their levy limit, and it's okay that they represent the users of the resource that we're talking about. The questions I've got...oh, one other thing. Senator Stuhr made an interesting point that years ago the water table was at 60 feet and now it's at 10 feet. Well, there are a number of reasons for that, but irrigation is one of those. And so, without sugarcoating it and, you know, let's quit dancing around it, it's about irrigation. So given that, how do we fund it? And I'd like to ask Senator Beutler, if he's available, if you could respond to a couple questions? Because I'm into this about ankle deep and I haven't...legally, I'm not sure I'm on the right page here. As I understand it, the funds that would be...let's say the \$2.5 million that we're talking about are to be used on ground water management and not surface water management. Is that a fair statement? Or maybe I should ask Senator Schrock that question.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I think they're going to be used on both, Senator, but I would confer with Senator Schrock on that.

SENATOR MINES: Okay.

SENATOR BEUTLER: It appears to me that they will be used for