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conflicts and in addressing current inequities between surface water and ground water. And on the other part of the page, one goal of the integrated management plan shall be to manage all hydrologically connected ground water and surface water to sustain a balance between water uses and water supplies, so that the economic viability, social and environmental health, safety, and welfare of the basin, subbasin, or reach can be achieved and maintained for both the near and the long term. The point of my thinking is that...and I didn't emphasize enough in my first comments, but to me, what goes on let's just say west of Grand Island is critical to what happens in...east of Grand Island over the long term, considering the way the Platte River flows. And I don't have the background to tell all about what the importance of the way the water flows in Nebraska. But to me, Omaha and Lincoln and Grand Island and Fremont and Columbus all...and Kearney, all ought to be every bit as concerned about this bill as anybody else. They...the domestic use is in the priority over law. And I think if the manage...if water isn't properly managed in the west, eventually there's going to be a shortage in the east. There may well be if it is. But the thrust of this bill, to me, is research. Research costs money. And I think it behooves us to get all the research and all the scientific basis, all the scientific data that we can possibly get to understand the water and its situation in this state. We're emptying out the west, pardon the term. I don't mean to be hard on what's happening. But we know we have an almost, almost rapid migration from western Nebraska to Omaha and Lincoln, the metro area. In fact, I think it's happening faster than we even recognize. And so that water supply is going to be increasingly critical to the Omaha and Lincoln. And their well fields are all concentrated in the Platte River Basin, essentially, from Fremont down to just north of me. M.U.D. has 36 wells pumping alone just north of me on the Platte River, just west of Plattsmouth. This goes on and on. And I'm really disappointed that we're making this argument this afternoon, or this discussion, a fact of whether it doesn't benefit the whole state, because it does, and it will even more so in the future. And if we don't have the studies and the water studies and the research behind what is probably going to be done, we're in for far greater battles than we're talking about now. So I don't know. I'm hopeful that the votes are in