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here to do this. And maybe there's some areas in here--I got a letter from Sidney, that maybe you'd speak to that, Senator Schrock, about some opposition out there, decrying the fact municipalities don't have enough say in this, and they don't want to trust NRDs, the way I read the gist of the letter. Somebody has to make this decision.

SENATOR SCHIMEK PRESIDING

SENATOR SCHIMEK: One minute.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: But it seemed to me, if they're based on scientific background and research, whoever makes those decisions, we all are going to be much better off. To me, this is making policy for the next 25 to 50 years in Nebraska, at least the framework for setting those policy decisions. And I think we ought to look at it, I think, in many ways. And I applaud the Governor for throwing his support behind this. Anyway, this is groundbreaking legislation, if you will, in its necessity. And I definitely can't see putting it off. Thank you.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Senator Beutler, your light is on next.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Schimek, members of the Legislature, this is good legislation. There's nobody doubting that. But just consider for a moment the attitude with which this task force has come before the entire Legislature. They've come before it with the attitude that everything they did was perfect, that there is no room for compromise on any significant matter. We've had almost a day and a half, or going on two days of debate. There really is only one significant compromise requested, and that is that the people who will benefit most from this at least pay part of the cost through a fee system. That's the only thing that was asked. A hundred and fifty-some pages of changed legislation, a super-sized bureaucratic process that is much more complicated than it needs to be, simply because the people who have water rights want to be sure that it's absolutely entirely fair and that they have three levels appeals plus the court system. It is...if it moves us ahead