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ones, Senator Beutler spoke to this, I was one of the ones on the Natural Resources Committee that voted this out. And there were a parade of testifiers in favor that brought up something pretty telling, as far as I'm concerned, almost to the person. One of the keys that they spoke of was to provide the funding, make sure the funding is there. Now we might think, well, that sounds pretty cliché, or that's something that goes without saying, but a lot of them...some of them, I should say, said that if you can't provide the funding, don't do it; if you can't provide either a dedicated funding mechanism, or if you can't manipulate the type of funds that we need, don't do it. Some of them actually said that, and I guess we can go back and try to find the records on that. At least that's what I remember hearing. Obviously, we have priorities, and let's get back to the clichés again. Our government can, you know, we know the public safety we provide for these things, we have to provide for these things constitutionally; provide for those who can't provide for themselves. We all want to do that obviously. Children, K through 12 education, I think we can all agree on these types of things. What's been brought into question a little bit is sometimes, to a certain degree, general overall health and welfare. That's what this issue is. And the other thing that's a little bit of a concern to me is that I get somewhat of a feeling that a lot of Omaha senators...that's my feeling, I'm not really sure that this is the case...don't believe this is that important of an issue. At least they haven't spoke to it yet. Maybe they think this is a filibuster going on. I'm not really sure. But the bottom line is, for me, that this is...in western Nebraska what has happened the last three years is one of the largest problems that we've ever faced. Forget the budget deficit. This drought is horrible, and I've been out there enough to know that. Now, the thing is some of these guidelines and the things that I heard deal with this issue. If we move forward now, and you see my track record here, I am not very excited about raising taxes virtually under any circumstances, so that provides me with a quandary when we finally come to that point. The quandary is this. How do we fund this if we choose to be excruciatingly frugal? Senator Beutler has brought up a couple of very interesting points. I'm listening to it. I don't know how I feel about it yet, and I'm trying to come to some conclusions based on some of the things