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SENATOR REDFIELD: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. If you have been in my office, you will know that there is a collection of antique nozzles to garden hoses. They came from a great-great-uncle. And people often question why I have them there, and I always respond that in Nebraska there are two very precious resources; one is water, and the other is people, and we don't have enough of either. So water has always been a focus. It is the building block of life. Without water, there is no life, whether we are talking about people, animals, or other environmental entities. So, in fact, it is very important. I think that the work that has been done here is essential. I recognize the fact that there are a number of groups who have conceded a great deal of their own special interests in reaching agreement. But I am also concerned about the funding of this mechanism, when, in fact, we all know that our General Fund dollars are not even sufficient for the programs that now exist. So I am very interested in the discussion that we have on other possibilities for funding. I am very interested in Senator Beutler's approach, with a fee for water users. I have always been an advocate of those responsible taking responsibility and paying for what they use and need. I am also intrigued with the idea of looking at our Environmental Trust Fund, because, in fact, we are going to have a bill right after this, a constitutional amendment, that looks at how we allocate funds from our lottery. And it talks about diverting some of the funds from the Environmental Trust Fund. And I understand that we have been using a great deal of those dollars for some of the studies and things that have occurred dealing with the use of water in the state of Nebraska. And I think we have to learn that we have to prioritize. What is our number one environmental need in the state of Nebraska? I personally believe it's water. And so I think we need to look very carefully at those funds and see if, in fact, we should be diverting more of those funds into these kinds of programs for water use. So I am intrigued. Senator Beutler, if you would like more time, I would happily yield the rest of my time to you. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Beutler, you have about 2.8, 2.7.