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on General File, we went back and talked to counsel for the Department of Natural Resources, and the Attorney General's Office. This is still open. Mediation is still open. It's just that this doesn't mandate it. So we would hope that in cases where it's appropriate that they would mediate and so...

SENATOR BEUTLER: But if one of the parties doesn't want to mediate, they go directly to the Governor's water...

SENATOR SCHROCK: That is correct.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...decision-making body, right?

SENATOR SCHROCK: I think that'd be unwise on their part...

SENATOR BEUTLER: Did you go back to the water task force, did they approve this change?

SENATOR SCHROCK: I did not because there was no time to do that.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator, with respect to the NRDs, I, you know, I feel like I've let a major kind of concern go in the sense that this bill still allows an NRD, even though it's not one person, one vote, to dictate the well space on municipal wells, right?

SENATOR SCHROCK: That is correct.

SENATOR BEUTLER: And you've indicated to me that you intend to go back next year and have a bill on the subject of NRD's representation on their boards. Is that correct?

SENATOR SCHROCK: That is correct. I will do that, introduce that, if you want to cosponsor it, or if you want to introduce it, I'll cosponsor it.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. I just want you to know in light of my letting this go, which wouldn't have been any big deal if we were making no changes and we had this delicate balance, but it seems like some balances are more delicate than others. Is that