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issues in front of us. Would you agree with that?

SENATOR BEUTLER: We still would have been sued?

SENATOR SCHROCK: Yes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I'm not sure I do agree with that.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Okay. Well, then I'd be interested in your response on that at some point in time. But I don't know if there was a compact between Colorado and Kansas, and Kansas sued Colorado. So, I'm not sure of that either way. There was a compact? But anyway, there's been lawsuits in the past between states, regardless of compacts. And if you're a downstream state, probably the upstream state does have some obligation to furnish some water. If we would have had normal weather conditions, this would have changed. If you've ever looked at a...

SPEAKER BRASHEAR: Time.

SENATOR SCHROCK: ...U.S. Drought Monitor map,...

SPEAKER BRASHEAR: Thank you, Senator Schrock. Senator Louden.

SENATOR LOUDEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members of the body. I want to first point out that I support LB 32, Senator Schrock and the committee's underlying bill. I think Senator Beutler has brought something forward on this discussion with the handouts that he had on...and amendment that he's brought forward. And whether I can support it or not, I don't think so I can at this time, because there's a lot of information that needs to be brought forward before we do something like this. The handout that he did hand out, where he goes back to 2002 on the irrigation wells, and therein lies a lot of our problems in Nebraska. You notice that one year they drilled 239 irrigation wells and that was a flurry of well drilling all over the state of Nebraska. When they found out moratoriums were going in, everybody was rushing to drill those wells. Consequently, as Senator Beutler puts in his amendment, that any wells after that date should not be allowed to pump. The question is, would...do