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negligent, cunning, calculating people want others in the state, who did as they should have done, to help pay the cost of what they had done. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Erdman.

SENATOR ERDMAN: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Legislature. I heard Senator Beutler's last speech and I think he had...he had left it hanging as if the reason that something was being done was only to benefit the Panhandle of the state of Nebraska. And I visited with him privately and he said that that was not his intent, but rather to point out the record that was...that was being quoted from, from previous testimony, from previous directors of the Department of Natural (sic) Resources. We get into these arguments back and forth about who does this benefit. Does it benefit this part of the state, or that part of the state? Senator Beutler points out that the agreement between Wyoming and Nebraska was done because of a situation that arose out of the Panhandle specifically, but ultimately as a result of the impact upon the entire citizens of the state of Nebraska. Just as Nebraska is downstream from Wyoming, all of you are downstream from the Panhandle. And the reality is, is that if it's good for western Nebraska and if we make an agreement with Wyoming that's good for the water rights of those individuals, ultimately that will have an impact on the rest of the state. So I wanted to make sure that from the record's perspective that it was...it was clear that Senator Beutler's comments were not intended to be slanted that this was only to benefit one part of the state, but rather to reflect the climate that we were in as part of the public policy that we are debating. These are not easy issues. As a senator that represents people that are on all sides of this issue--I have individuals that are below McConaughy that would like to sue people above McConaughy, I have people around McConaughy that would like to have additional water for recreation purposes--this is not an easy issue in my district. And you throw in those issues of Pumpkin Creek and a number of other areas that we have had to address and are continually having to address, regards to public policy, it is not simple. And so I welcome the arguments and the discussions that are going on, recognizing fully that this is not going to be solved by one