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former Attorney General. He made life difficult for me. There's another individual in another organization that made life difficult for me. I did want to slow the drilling down; I didn't want to stop it. But I'm telling you, they paid a price for those 300 wells. And if you shut those 300 wells off, the economic damage would be severe and it wouldn't put any more water in the river. Most of them are upland wells. They represent an investment of about \$70,000 apiece, because they all have pivots on them. So let's be careful. I appreciate your comments. Senator Chambers, I do remember the compromise on Game and Parks. It wasn't as much as Senator Beutler wanted, but it was a compromise, and I, like this morning, on the minority position on the Environmental Quality Council, it was a compromise with Senator Preister. I believe, if you're going to get something done, you have to compromise. So I thank you for your discussion. It is my job to defend my constituents in the Republican River Basin. I will tell you that they are very apprehensive about their economy and I think we should try and uphold them and work with them, and I...that's what I've tried to do. And when I disagree with them, I get over it and I move on, and that's what I would ask you to do this morning. It has, really, nothing to do with this bill, but being as I'm the sponsor of the bill, I get the last say. So thank you for the discussion and, amazingly, we agree on more things than we disagree on in this body, and that's what's great about this body. My policy on water for the rest of this session and my term is going to be, do the least amount of economic damage possible, because that's what we're all about. We want rural Nebraska to be healthy, and I think everybody agrees with that. So thank you for your time. I would appreciate the advancement of LB 32.

SENATOR CUDABACK: You've heard the closing on LB 32. The question before the body is, shall LB 32 advance to E & R Initial? All in favor of advancement vote aye; all opposed vote nay. The question before the body is advancement of LB 32. Have you all voted on the question who care to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 36 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to advance the bill, Mr. President.