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this, if you would. Doesn't it make some sense to create an incentive for everybody in the Republican Basin not to overuse the water? And there are several ways of doing this, but with respect to a conservation fee, for example, if you took that money and put it into a fund and said this money is going to be used to pay Kansas, if we have to pay Kansas, and the fee will increase or decrease based upon how much money we need to pay Kansas or how much money we need to pay the state of Nebraska to reimburse them for paying Kansas, that would create an incentive not to pay Kansas so that the conservation fee could be kept low or nonexistent. Creating the incentive not to pay Kansas creates the incentive to do those various things that are necessary to keep the required flow of water into Kansas adequate. I think we're missing the boat this session. If we don't work with conservation easements and if we don't work with a water fee, and if we don't work with something that does something about those 300 wells that were drilled after the year 2001, all of those things can be brought together as components where we could propose an overall...a good overall solution to this problem this session. And I hope you will think about it some more. I hope this example of the cattlemen participating in a fee, even though they don't control their own markets in the sense of immediately setting the price, they're doing just fine. What they need are opened up markets in Japan. The fee isn't a problem. So I just wanted to acquaint you, be sure everybody was acquainted with this fee, and ask you to think about the water conservation fee again as you go along. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Chambers, followed by Senator Schrock. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. President, members of the Legislature. Senator Schrock, in looking at the last page of the bill, I see that certain sections, since this bill carries the emergency clause, take effect immediately upon final passage and the Governor signing, pursuant to the emergency clause; other specified sections will take effect on December 1, 2006. So I'm going to page 23 now and we're talking about a person who held an operating permit on December 31, 2005, which was last year, and whose permit expired pursuant to rules and