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districts is what will refill Lake McConaughy. There's no other way around it. That was a problem that wasn't addressed early on, that the amount of tail water that comes out of western irrigation districts was being cut down so consequently the irrigation below Lake McConaughy should have been...had restrictions also and it wasn't done.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR LOUDEN: At the present time and for the last probably nearly 100 years, there's very little water that flows in the Platte River at the Wyoming/Nebraska line. For the most part, most of the water that comes in from Wyoming comes through the canal and irrigation systems in western Nebraska and works its way on down to Lake McConaughy. Whatever water is flowing in at Lewellen into the Platte River to form Lake McConaughy is usually water that comes from the springs and it's in Nebraska. So I think we're coming there. I think time will work out. But as I said before, I think the proverbial two-by-four has been used, so I feel that we will come up with some solutions in the future. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Louden. (Visitors introduced.) Further discussion, Senator Baker.

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you, Senator Cudaback and members. And, Senator Beutler, I agree with what you're saying. Change, though, is difficult. I...was pointed out the other day, I'm the only senator that does actually live in the Republican River Basin and I think I know my constituents pretty well. Change is difficult. You have to realize that these canal systems were built in the forties, fifties out there. It's been going...they have been used pretty much annually up until the last few years. It's difficult to change. However, I agree with you. We're going to have to solve this from within the basin. We can't continually hope that someone outside the basin is going to provide us with water or cash in this case. I do commend, I applaud the Bostwick Irrigation District saying, we're going to step up, help out. And lo and behold, we have a couple more districts now saying we're willing to step up. I think one of them is Riverside. I believe that is in Harlan County. The