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in the Republican River to try to deal with the very pressing problem that they have right now. But we've got to get the NRDs to participate and we've got to sell it to people, and not only to the farmers, but also to the people in urban areas because I hear from people in my district...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BROWN: ...who say we should not be about buying water rights; the water rights belong to the state. Well, yes, but those people aren't going to be any happier if we lose a big chunk of our economy than they are if they have to come up with some of the money. So I don't think that we can adopt a one size fits all, and I particularly don't think that having the discussion on this bill is the best way to do it. We have an ongoing water task force that is trying to work on these issues. It's not going to be one way or the other. And so I just think that it's healthy that we talk about it so that people understand the complexity of it. But I don't think that we can propose any kind of one size fits all...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator Brown.

SENATOR BROWN: ...and think that it's going to solve the problem. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Brown. The rolls are being handed out in honor of our Speaker's birthday, Senator Brashear's birthday. So let's give him a nice congratulations or whatever. He made a quick exit. On with discussion. Senator Stuhr.

SENATOR STUHR: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I appreciate the discussion that we've been having this morning. And I do thank Senator Beutler for his involvement in water issues through the years. He served as Chair when I first became a member of the Natural Resources Committee so I know that he has worked tirelessly, as a lot of other people, Senator Schrock, Senator Baker, as have been mentioned. I think that this is a statewide problem. We've talked about the impact of irrigation on the economy of our state generating over