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alternative. Also in the Natural Resources Committee, they have been unable to do anything with respect to fees, with respect to the NRDs and irrigation. I also believe consistently that local fees are the correct answer there. But once again, in two instances, stymied by the opposition of citizen groups to the correct application of what should be consistent principles, we fall back to what is the nemesis of democracy. We settle for each of the two sides getting together and putting in a whole bunch more General Funds, because it's the easiest way to go. Now I don't know what the answer is today, and I guess we'll work through this and hear from an awful lot of people, I'm guessing, but Senator, I don't see the consistency, and maybe you can elaborate on it in your own time.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: But I see no consistency in striking storm water and leaving the provision funding the NRDs to essentially comply...to fund them to comply with the federal compact. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler, and Senator Schrock and whomever, I guess. Senator Redfield.

SENATOR REDFIELD: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. If Senator Pederson could respond to some questions, I would appreciate it, Senator Don Pederson.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Pederson. Senator Pederson, would you yield?

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Yes, I would be glad to. I'm sorry, I didn't hear you, Senator Redfield.

SENATOR REDFIELD: That's all right. Senator Pederson, I'm looking at our financial status, and I'm looking at bills sitting on Final Reading or Select File totaling about \$55 million, I believe, or am I close?

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Yes, you are.