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what you would have to have is a provision that says the department shall...can look at the water figures, the water models, whatever they look at to determine whether there's going to be available water.

SENATOR KREMER: So that looks like that's kind of an unknown, because it could be like after the water table comes up six inches, you can do it, or after...it would have to be determined later sometime.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yeah. Well, remember that every landowner makes his own judgment. I mean, if he doesn't want to trade his...if he doesn't want to get money in return for an easement he doesn't have to do it.

SENATOR KREMER: Well, I guess...

SENATOR BEUTLER: This is just one mechanism that may be attractive to a lot of people.

SENATOR KREMER: Well, I understand, and I think we need to look at every alternatives that we have, but when this binds, you know, everyone for the future, you know, my heirs and everybody else that that's stuck on there, it could really diminish the value of the land, if an easement like that was attached.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, it would diminish the value of the land, and you would get cash...

SENATOR KREMER: A tax credit.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...in return for the value of the land. So it...you know, everybody would have to make their decision about that, and the price would have to be right, obviously.

SENATOR KREMER: I could feel better about it if it was for 10 years, something like that, but when it's a perpetual easement, I have a lot of problem with it. So thank you. I was trying to get a little better understanding of what you really had in mind here, and I'm not sure I completely understand really, what all the ramifications would be down the road, so.