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fashion, as part of a water strategy, but it is adding money to this bill, and I think we all have to understand that as we put storm water and everything else in this, the bill does get more expensive.

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you, Senator Connealy. Senator Beutler, there are no other lights on, if you want to close, or you may speak.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. Well, with respect to Senator Connealy's remarks, this is not anywhere near the same bill that had the \$5 to \$7 million tag on it. That bill was very broad, in terms of who could apply for easements, the types of easements that would be available. This is narrowly focused now to one effort, to helping the Republican and the Platte, to provide them another tool by which they can get the usage of water in balance. And the thing that you need to remember is that nobody is forced to do this in any way. Everybody has the right to choose or not to choose to apply to the department, to get money in return for a curtailed use of their property; i.e., the nonuse, generally, of water. So there's no secret here or no underlying agenda; this is a genuine effort to help, to be helpful. Again, the...it's only available in areas that are overappropriated or fully appropriated. It's a 15 percent credit. Every bill I've ever put in, or at least this bill this year was a refundable credit. Well, yeah, I'm not sure about that. Maybe the...the Revenue Committee made it a refundable credit when they changed some of the other terms of the credit. That's right. But that was the Revenue Committee's idea. And again, remember that this has a sunset of December 31, 2012, and annual reports, so you can see how it's going every year and figure out whether it makes sense for you and for the state, and whether it works. But we need to be getting in there and doing some things in these areas to try to adapt the situation and change the situation, and I hope you will see fit to advance this proposition as one of those tools. Thank you.

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Was that your closing, Senator Beutler?

SENATOR BEUTLER: It was.