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SENATOR JANSSEN: Okay, that's all I have. Thank you, Senator Beutler. And if you wanted the rest of my time, you could certainly have it.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Beutler, about 2, 30.

SENATOR BEUTLER: That's all right.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Okay, thank you. Senator Stuthman.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I've been looking over the sheet of paper that was handed out from Senator Beutler, and I have...it was kind of troubling for me to see that in some of the sentences it says, the amount of deposit will not exceed \$3 per irrigated acre. Could I engage in a little conversation with Senator Beutler, if I may, please?

SENATOR CUDABACK: (Microphone malfunction)...find out. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Senator Beutler, realistically, this would be a tax levy of \$3 per acre, right?

SENATOR BEUTLER: You can call it what you want, Senator. Some people didn't like the word "fee," so I decided to call it exactly what it is--it's a contingency deposit; that is, it's different from a tax in one way; for example, it's not levied every year. It's only levied if there is a contingency, and that contingency is a known payment needed to Kansas.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Yes, this is very true, but when I look at it and the amount of deposit, I mean, the money has got to come from somewhere, and...

SENATOR BEUTLER: Right, it's coming from the irrigated acres. Right.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Yes, it would be coming from and it would be