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issues brought forward to us on Select File. I certainly would work with Senator Beutler or any members of the committee. It's interesting working with the people in the Republican River basin. There are individuals down there who are very defiant, and say that we should do nothing. But I think the majority of them recognize that we're in a serious situation here with this lawsuit with Kansas, and that something needs to be done. And this is what they were willing to support. It's...it was a concept that I brought to them. Been a lot of gnashing of teeth on this issue, however. But I think it's something we need to do, considering that the lawsuit is proceeding. And I did remind the body that we're spending, I believe...is it \$14 million over the next two years...in defense of our position concerning irrigation in the Republican River basin. Certainly I hope the outcome is favorable to the state of Nebraska. I would like to think we have a strong position. But whenever you enter into litigation, you never know what the outcome is going to be. So I think LB 667 is a prudent step for us to take. It's a measured step. And with that, I would thank the body for their concerns and patience, and hope that you will vote to advance LB 667.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Schrock. The question is the advancement of LB 667 to E & R initial. Those in favor vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Mr. Clerk, please record.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 667.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The bill is advanced. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 142, introduced by Senator Schimek and others. (Read title.) Bill was introduced on January 4, referred to the Government Committee, advanced to General File. Bill was discussed on March 22nd on the floor, Mr. President. At that time, the bill, as were the committee amendments, were presented. An amendment to the committee amendments was adopted. There was an amendment, Mr. President, by Senator Thompson to the committee amendments, AM1110, that was offered, divided, a portion of which was adopted. Therefore, Mr. President, the first amendment I have this morning pending