

Because of this reengineering and manipulation of the system, Kansas has got us by the short hairs both coming and going. This unfair situation must be addressed right now.

The huge impact of conservation measures on Republican River flow from northwest Kansas into Nebraska must be acknowledged and fully and fairly accounted for in the model. I implore this committee to wrap your arms around this issue and take whatever action necessary to have conservation measures fully accounted for before we ask more from our irrigators.

AM 872, while ignoring the impact of conservation measures, is a classic case of swatting a gnat and swallowing a camel. Even DNR Director Ann Bleed said several days ago, "this package will not get us to where we need to be."

The tax burden and the risks and uncertainty certain to arise from adopting AM 872 are just too great and disproportionate to any countervailing benefits which, other than appeasement, are speculative.



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