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SENATOR JOHNSON: The provision is that the county board may permit using the road ditches.

SENATOR KEYES: Then who will be responsible? Will the county be responsible? Will the man that owns the land, or the man that is flooded be responsible? This is the thing I want.

SENATOR JOHNSON: Well I'm sure that . . . I would think the man would be responsible . . .

SENATOR KEYES: Even though the county gave him permission to use it . . . use the ditch alongside the road?

SENATOR JOHNSON: I would think so, but if I was on the county board I'd give him permission with that understanding.

PRESIDENT: Are you ready for your vote? The question is, shall . . . do you desire to close Senator Johnson?

SENATOR JOHNSON: My only closing would be that this problem may increase as years go by for the reason that we add 200,000 acres more to each year under irrigation. I think it's important we pass this bill.

PRESIDENT: The question is shall LB 85, as amended, advance to E & R initial. Record your vote. Have you voted? Record.

CLERK: 33 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on motion to advance.

PRESIDENT: LB 85 is so advanced. LB 233. Senator Clark. The Speaker has requested of the Chair that we get back on those rules of yesterday. Do you wish . . . which may take us to noon. Do you wish to handle LB 233 now?

SENATOR CLARK: I'd be glad to do it any time, but I could care less.

PRESIDENT: How much time do you think will it take, Senator?

SENATOR CLARK: I hope it wouldn't take over three minutes. It's not that kind of a bill.

PRESIDENT: Alright. We'll have LB 233.

CLERK: Read bill.

PRESIDENT: Senator Clark.

SENATOR CLARK: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, this is a bill that came out of the Appropriations Committee with the consent of the Revenue Department. This is the estate tax fund that would be transferred to the general fund. Because of statute it is separated now. It is in a one fund not accounted for anyplace. All the refunds are made out of that. What this does is set up the tax refund, estate refund, in the general fund. We'll have a windfall paper amount of money coming in here, about two million dollars. It does not add to the coffers of the state. It does not add to the expenditures of the state. All it does is to transfer to the general fund so we have an accounting of funds. We have more funds like this around the state, and we hope we can find them. This is one. I would move for the advancement of the bill to E & R please.