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PRESIDENT: Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY: Senator Barnett, this is very close and identical to the resolution that we passed for the Loup and O'Neal project that we passed last week. There was some debate on that and I believe that most anything that would have been said at that time would just be a repeat at this time. I'm sure that there wouldn't be any debate.

PRESIDENT: Senator Syas. This is just on the suspension of rules.

SENATOR SYAS: Mr. President, I can debate the...

PRESIDENT: Yes, later. Anyone want to be heard on the suspension of the rules? Record your vote. REcord. It takes 30 votes to suspend the rules. Kindly vote promptly. Record.

CLERK: 30 AYES 0 NAYS.

PRESIDENT: Rules are suspended. Senator Kelly do you want to address yourself to the resolution now?

SENATOR KELLY: Yes, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. The people that are in central Nebraska thank you for the courtesy that you are showing us in breaking into your deliberation and asking your support for the mid-states reclamation district project. The REsolution is self explanatory, if there are any questions or any further discussion I would certainly be glad to participate.

PRESIDENT: Senator Syas.

SENATOR SYAS: Mr. President, it is getting close and I didn't rise to debate this bill. I like among other things all of it, and I am supporting it but I just wanted to call attention again whenever I get the opportunity to the out-state Senators that number six is in the resolution and I want that to sink in real deep to you because it is part of the cost ratio, or to justify the program it is always used as part of the cost and it is part of the as I say to justify it and I want to call to your attention another thing after I hear all of these things on the floor about how bad the federal government controls us and with money and everything that boy they are really good on this one. We are asking for a big appropriation. I don't critise this thing. I am all for it, but we can't have it both ways. I support this resolution 100%.

PRESIDENT: Senator Fowler.

SENATOR FOWLER: I have some questions of Senator Kelly on this particular project if he would yield. Senator Kelly, I'm not fully familiar with the project but it is my understanding that it has been proposed for some time. I believe 20 years or more. Can you tell me why it is not been undertaken. You indicate strong local support. It is my understanding and in fact there is some controversy about support for the project. Could you fill me in on some of that.