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CLERK: Mr. President, I have some more motions. Just ahead of those I'd like to read in, Mr. President, your committee, Enrollment and Review, reports we have examined and reviewed LB 273 and find the same correctly engrossed; LB 279 correctly engrossed. Signed, Senator Dworak, Chairman.

Mr. President, I move to return LB 577 to Select File for specific amendment. The specific amendment is to strike all of line 5, page 5. Signed, Senator Rasmussen.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Rasmussen.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: Mr. Chairman, members of the body, I would ask for the return of 577 to strike this particular line. In my estimation, as I've stated here before, this is far too much power to one individual, not even an elected official but an appointed official. I certainly feel that this gives too much of a club to any one individual. I would ask for your support in the return of the bill.

PRESIDENT: Discussion? Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: Mr. Chairman, I'm going to support the Rasmussen amendment. This provision was put in there that would provide that the Director of Water Resources could, on his own initiative, call for a hearing if he felt that there was an area in the State of Nebraska that was in need of control. The reason that was put in there was that if the local people did not move and were unwilling to move because of pressure on the local level there would be some backup authority by the Department of Water Resources. At this time I'm going to support the motion to take him out of there. We can put him back in. There are those that feel once we get state authority in there it's impossible to remove them. Maybe the time is to do it now. The time may come when we'll have to. I will support the amendment at this time.

PRESIDENT: Senator Syas.

SENATOR SYAS: I just want to ask one question of Senator Kremer. Don't you think realistically that the local board . . . there will be too much pressure that they will be inclined, if not clobbered, into doing nothing?

SENATOR KREMER: This is why I made the statement I just made, Senator Syas. It's proven in other places that those that are close to the people are reluctant to impose any kind of . . .

SENATOR SYAS: That's right. That's true.

SENATOR KREMER: That's why this was put in there. For now we'll see if they will move. If they don't . . .

SENATOR SYAS: OK. They won't . . . mankind in history proves itself.