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with the Bureau of Reclamation concerning the recreation lands and, of course, the water in the North Loup Irrigation Project and the Norden Dam Projects which they are going to start the preliminary construction. Contracts will be let this month, this coming month, in April, for the Norden and the North Loup Projects both concerning access roads and bridges.

SENATOR KREMER: There are no state funds involved in this at all?

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: There is no state...there is no A bill to this, no.

SENATOR KREMER: Does it allow them to participate in the storage development fund?

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: Yes, it allows them to participate with federal funds and to move ahead with the recreation end of the project, yes.

SENATOR KREMER: And also to participate in the development funds set up by the State of Nebraska?

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: Right. Yes.

SENATOR KREMER: But it does not call for a special fund?

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: It calls for no special funds, no. There is no special funds.

SENATOR KREMER: Thank you.

FRESIDENT: Senator Dickinson.

SENATOR DICKINSON: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, would Senator Rasmussen yield to a couple of questions, please.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: Certainly.

SENATOR DICKINSON: Senator Rasmussen, in your opinion, and if the answer is yes, outline it for me please, does this limit the participation of the Game and Parks Commission to entering in contracts with the Bureau of Reclamation only?

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: That is my understanding of it, yes.

SENATOR DICKINSON: Does it say so in here?

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: According to Pat O'Brien at the Attorney General's office, we are working under whatever sections they are. I have never read the sections, Jim, but according to him this will be for these two projects, period.

SENATOR DICKINSON. For the record, then, I would want that made crystal clear that that is exactly what it is for.