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LB 628

CLERK: Mr. President, I have E & R amendments pending on 628 first of all.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Johnson.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker, I move we adopt the E & R amendments.

SPEAKER NICHOL: All those in favor say aye, opposed nay. They are adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, I now have a series of amendments. The first I have is offered by Senator Goll. Senator Goll's amendment is on page 1321 in the Journal.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Goll.

SENATOR GOLL: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, you should have on your desk pertinent information, a brochure and data, concerning Summit Lake Project. Summit Lake is a watershed project in Burt County, Nebraska built for flood control and recreation. In 1977, the Middle Missouri NRD Board voted to proceed in building Summit Lake using a combination of funds from state, local NRD, federal government, and the Old West Regional Commission. Summit Lake was to be built as a flood control project. The Game and Parks Commission in 1977 realized the potential of Summit Lake as a recreational facility and passed a resolution suggesting construction of the project and promising to operate the recreational facilities when completed, if the funds were available. The Game and Parks Commission has stated that one of the problems with recreation in Nebraska is that our best facilities are in the west while our population is in the east. Summit Lake at 190 surface acres is currently the largest lake in northeast Nebraska. The cost benefit ratio of this lake is 1.2 to 1 as a flood control project but rises to 2.5 to 1 if recreation is included. On this basis then and with the expressed intention of the Game and Parks Commission to operate its recreational facilities, the NRD proceeded to build Summit Lake for flood control as well as a recreation project. \$1.8 million has now been spent on Summit Lake. These costs were shared as follows: Local NRD funds, \$111,000; State Resources Commission funds, \$333,000; Old West funds, \$300,000; and Federal Soil Conservation funds, \$1,059,000; or a total of \$1,803,399.27. Summit Lake Project is now complete. The lake is finished. The road is built. The recreation facilities are in place. \$337,000 has been spent on a beach, buildings, boat ramps, restrooms, picnic tables, grills, shelters, playground equipment, boat ramps, and more so that citizens can swim, camp, fish, hike, and