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guy over there in the Governor's chair signed it into law. Oh, you'll get your 33 votes probably now to get cloture based on what I just told you here because you now see this as a vehicle to solve all the education problems in the state along with the others. You're going to solve unemployment. You're going to pay lower taxes. You're going to increase...you're going to...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...bring about educational progress. The economic well-being of the people of the state is going to be enhanced, all the people in the state. Then all kind of opportunities for economic development, and that's without even getting to the chickadee part of the bill where the little bitty people in the rest of the state line up for 30 percent of nothing. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Peterson, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR C. PETERSON: Thank you, Mr. President. I rise for a point of personal privilege.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Peterson.

SENATOR C. PETERSON: Thank you. I would just like to inform my colleagues of some good news. The Senate and the House have approved reauthorizing the 17.3 million dollar Wood River flood control...flood control project in central Nebraska. Congress had authorized the Wood River project in 1996, but the Army Corp of Engineers had to reevaluate the construction and the reassessment caused its tag to raise from \$11.8 million to \$17.3 million, which then triggered a law requiring new congressional approval. As you may remember, along with other area senators, I introduced LR 27 this year in which the Nebraska Legislature proposed that the Congress of the United States appropriate the necessary funds to complete the project. They have done so and I sincerely appreciate everyone's support, especially our congressional delegation. Moving this project forward will ensure protection of some 5,300 acres of cropland and 1,700 homes from future flooding, and I would just like to thank you all for your support and efforts in gaining this