

strikes--it's a housekeeping bill. It merely strikes the obsolete language whereby the statute now--still uses the terms; Soil and Water Conservation Commission and the proper name for that commission now is the Natural Resources Commission. The second thing it does is that it consolidates the Floodway Obstruction Removal Fund with the Soil and Water Conservation Fund. Now this Floodway Obstruction Removal Fund is only money that are derived from an application for a permit to erect a structure in a floodway providing it's above the flood stage. I think the application for a permit is \$10.00 and the last year only about \$240.00 came in and it requires extra bookkeeping and it merely consolidates these two funds. And secondly, it does allow the commission to collect for services rendered in the way of taking aerial photographs, for topog maps, and for ASCS people out in the counties, the present statute are clear on that but how to expend that money is not clear. Now for example, if someone comes and asks the commission to extract from the computer in the data bank certain information, they can do so but there also is a fee to the computer people and most of them, I believe, the computer is at the University of Nebraska or in the Department of Administrative Services. And they did not see how they could pay for those services, so this does allow them to pay for the services once they extract the information and collect it for and from the people that want it, this information.

SPEAKER: Is there any further discussion of the bill as amended. The chair recognizes Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: I'd like to ask Senator Kremer a question. On page 5, starting with the stricken matter, you say this is a housekeeping bill, what does this do?

SENATOR KREMER: Well, I tried to explain, Senator Carpenter, that it does three things. It strikes obsolete language when it refers to the Soil and Water Conservation Commission which has now been changed to the Natural Resources Commission. We did that a year ago. Secondly, it combines two funds, one of them is the Floodway Obstruction Fund, and that's just a very small fund--I think about \$240.00 came in last year and is derived from a fee that is connected with asking for a permit, for example, to construct a building in a floodway provided that the construction of the building is above flood level--and it combines that with another fund that now is in operation. Then thirdly, it allows them to pay bills that the statutes have not (inaudible) that they can pay now.

SENATOR CARPENTER: But we go, for example, on Page 5 starting on Line 7. You are also eliminating the responsibility of making a report to the Chief Executive and others, aren't you.

SENATOR KREMER: Under the Floodway and so on, some of the stipulations now in the present statute has to be cleared before certain people and it mentions dates and so on and I was told that this is not necessary unless agreed by all parties involved.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Who determines it's not necessary. Aren't you going to be accountable to make reports to anybody except yourselves.

SENATOR KREMER: Well, again, it strikes the language that has to do with the biennium and so that language is all unnecessary, under today's statutes.

SENATOR CARPENTER: But it says there, for example, you strike where you have to make the report as other spending agencies of the state of Nebraska on or before the first day of December as required to do in even number years.