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gentlemen are going to Washington there aren't going to be enough votes--

PRESIDENT: That's fine with the Chair.

SENATOR PROUD: --do much with it, so I, I believe about everybody's talked that wanted to.

PRESIDENT: I think the Chair would have only the problem here, Senator Johnson wants to be heard on the motion to indefinitely postpone and I think we ought to extend the privilege to him. Actually, I have Senator Chambers, Johnson and Kelly that have asked to be heard on the motion to indefinitely postpone. Now let's see if we can go from that point--maybe we can bring the thing to a vote. Senator Johnson--well, Senator Chambers is out of the room. Senator Johnson, why don't you go ahead, I'll reserve the chance for Senator Chambers here if he would like to speak on the issue. Motion is to indefinitely postpone LB 449.

SENATOR JOHNSON: Mr. President and Members of the Legislature, I rise to oppose that, of course, and I'd like to answer a few of the things that have been said. Senator Kennedy mentioned pure water. I don't know what pure water is and if he's here, he is, I'd like to ask him his definition of pure water.

PRESIDENT: Okay. Senator Kennedy. Do you yield to a question? Or do you care to respond?

SENATOR KENNEDY: Yes, I can't give you the scientific definition but we in Nebraska fortunate to have I would say, some of the purest water in, in, particularly within the city or village limits where it is tested continuous and I think this is a privilege that so many people enjoy and I think that's probably why we have a lot of the elderly people out in our small villages and towns because they feel this water is pure and isn't contaminated with added things that are hard to control because of their diets and so forth.

SENATOR JOHNSON: May I ask another question. Do you know what the fluoride content of the water in your area is?

SENATOR KENNEDY: Yes, I've seen it and it's very near equal to what the recommendations of the dentists and I think this is true in quite a few parts of the State, but again to overdo, I mean this is what some people are satisfied with they can get and, under a doctor and this would not be a dentist but medical doctors are telling them. This they can control by their diet.

SENATOR JOHNSON: You're saying that very nearly one part per million is pure but one part per million isn't pure, is that right?

SENATOR KENNEDY: The people have the privilege now of accepting and living in that community where they like the type of water that's available and of course, pure water is, is one of those facilities that they enjoy, plus the pure air.

SENATOR JOHNSON: You didn't answer my question. What difference is there between very nearly one part per million and one part per million as being pure and not pure?

SENATOR KENNEDY: I, I'm sorry, it wasn't my idea to say that I'm an expert on pure water. What I'm saying is we give those people the choice to live so they can be in the large city where it's fluoridation or they can be in the small community where it's not. If this is their privilege and the medical doctor's advising them on that privilege why I think that's what we're talking about.

SENATOR JOHNSON: Thank you. Senator Kennedy also mentioned some