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(Start of Belt #31)

SENATOR CARPENTER: Mr. President, this is Lake Minatare which is a lake belonging to the State of Nebraska fish and game commission. Which is the center and the hub of the entertainment and the point of recreation of all western Nebraska, not all western Nebraska, but at least within an area of 75 miles in a circle around Scottsbluff. This thing has been developed to a point where it now needs additional facilities and additional capitol improvement and this will about do what they think it ought to have and I move for its adoption.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion of the Carpenter amendment? Question is, shall the Carpetner amendment then be adopted to 256. All those in favor vote aye, all those opposed vote no. This is the Carpenter amendment relating to Lake Minatare. 256. \$50,000. Have you all voted? Once again have you all voted? Senator Lewis I'll wait for you if you are coming forward to vote but, have you all now voted? Clerk will record.

CLERK: 12 ayes, 10 nays, 25 not voting.

PRESIDENT: Motion is adopted. Take the next amendment.

CLERK: Next Mr. President, is an amendment to LB 256, add a new section, (Read) signed Senator J. James Waldron.

SENATOR WALDRON: Mr. President, members of the legislature I move the adoption of the amendment. Mr. President, members of the legislature, this would allow the experimental station and the University of Nebraska to purchase the land presently leasing for the Sand Hills Laboratory. Actually this will be a saving because if we continue to do this operation which I believe it has proven a success in the past, the legislature just started this a few years ago. We're going to see if it could be a success, we leased the property. Now the lease, they claim that we can pay for this property for a 10 to 12 year period just on what the lease costs alone. So I think this investment will pay its own way. Also you know in the State of Nebraska we have a great opportunity to be the greatest beef producing State in the United States. But we do need to experiment with irrigated pasture and different ways to increase the production of cattle on our range areas and that is what this sand hills laboratory is designed to do. Before we can put any permanent investment into the acreage that we have leased there, we must purchase it, or otherwise and we can not get along term lease and that is why we need to purchase it. We need to make some investment in irrigation equipment and one thing or another so that they can, so that they can do further experiments and they can not do this without purchasing the property because they would not know how long the individual there will leasing the property. So I move its adoption. This will benefit both the rural and the city area, because if we can increase the production of beef, I think you can see it would be helpful to the State. Also I might remind those rural Senators, this would be a great boom to the agriculture interests of this State.

PRESIDENT: Chair, recognizes Senator Kelly, then Senator Marsh, then Senator Carpenter. Kelly first.

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. President, question of Senator Waldron.

PRESIDENT: Senator Waldron, will you yield?

SENATOR KELLY: Senator, is there any school land out there