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cover and some erosion control and natural beauty could be restored and replaced under the terms of this bill. I think that it is sound and the principle of it is sound and it is a bill that is to the general benefit and welfare of not the land owner, but the citizens and the public people of the state.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Kelly. Still discussing the advancement of 104 from General File.

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. President, members of the body, I rise to support Senator Syas in what I think is one of the greatest ideas since the old tree planting claim. We who live in Nebraska have had this last week to know that in many ways this is not a desirable place to live. We know from history that this was recognized as the great American desert and probably uninhabitable. The Nebraska spirit has done away with that myth. We have had to do away with it by planting trees and developing this barren prairie into a livable state. We now have an opportunity to do this on a private basis as the tree planting claim, where individuals can set aside part of their land allow it to develop as a tree claim and use it for their own personal pleasures and as it was brought to our attention the value of this land will probably increase over the years. How great, how wonderful this land will appreciate in value. I agree with 104 and I hope that we pass it unanimously.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Nore, then Kime, Dickinson, Stahmer, Schmit, Johnson and Anderson.

SENATOR NORE: Mr. President, fellow members I rise to support Senator Syas' tree preserve program. We have thousands of acres of what we call marginal land in central Nebraska. Now marginal land is land that can't normally be farmed at a profit. I have some myself. We have just about forced the farm...we have been forced to farm it because of the taxes. If we can get the taxes off of it. It stops erosion. I have even thought myself that I would probably like to take 80 acres and make it into a wildlife area but with taxes as they are you can't afford to do it. This is a great thing. So I support it.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kime.

SENATOR KIME: Mr. President, members of this body, a question of Senator Syas please. Senator Syas this land is under a lake or is covered with timber and of course it can't be used for grazing or hay, or farming, if this bill passes who will set the rules and regulations on how this land should be used?

SENATOR SYAS: The state legislature. It says as the legislature shall provide or some such wording. The legislature will have to set the statutory. You see it says in order to encourage the creation water land of this state, the legislature by general law, the legislature.

SENATOR KIME: In other words the private owner may not have much to say about this when this law passes.

SENATOR SYAS: Wait a minute. You see the detail of all of any kind of constitutional amendment has too...the private owner doesn't have to take advantage of this. Remember that.