

that Nebraska builds some additional storage in the way of flood control we are going to be subjected to some terrific damages. If there is a rapid snow melt in the mountains I think that we can expect some flooding in the Platte River area. Now having said this I want to alert the legislature to build...or to a bill that will be coming before us and LB974, this is only an emergency effort to take care of the problem as they come. What we need to do in Nebraska is to put some state funds in the building projects that would stop flooding and things of this nature. I hope that when this bill gets to the floor, that you will give it due consideration because this is the ultimate answer that we have to the problems of flooding. Until such time that we can get such projects built both large and small, we need to take care of these emergencies by having funds available to be expended by the Governor.

PRESIDENT: Senator Duis.

SENATOR DUIS: Mr. President, I would like to support Senator Carpenter of course, I am in the area of what he is speaking about the situation of regarding the Governor's emergency fund and Senator Carpenter and I went to him a year or two ago when we had the first flood situation and I asked about the Governor's emergency fund at that time and it was down to if I recall to something like \$250,000 or something like that. We asked then if we couldn't assist them to run this up and we said just tell us the amount of money that you need in your emergency fund. I don't believe that we ever got an answer to the question, and I don't think that we are going to be able to wait for an answer to the question because it probably isn't going to come to us. We are going to have to take action ourselves in order to get the emergency fund up to where it would do us some good. A million dollars in an emergency just doesn't amount to anything and I think that it should be brought up immediately because the intiment just as sure as I am standing here now that we will have a flood next spring. Let me tell you that there is a bridge for instance at Bradey, Nebraska which is Senator Waldron's area. The amount believe it or not, that bridge isn't even put in yet. There is no place for the water to go down that river when we have that next flood where that bridge was. I just don't even know what is holding them up so lets not hold them up for any emergency funds.

PRESIDENT: Senator Syas do you wish to speak on the Carpenter amendment?

SENATOR SYAS: Well certainly. I would like to ask Senator Duis or Senator Kremer a question.

PRESIDENT: Senator Duis do you wish to respond.

SENATOR DUIS: If I can otherwise I'll

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