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let Senator Kremer do it.

SENATOR SYAS: Senator Kremer said about the reservoirs being full and I think he is right because I read in the paper that they are but wouldn't it be logical since that does exist for the now when it wouldn't flood to let the water down the conservation pools and well, I know that it is Federal Government but down to the conservation pools so that you could catch the flood with the 2/3 empty reservoir.

SENATOR DUIS: I can answer that one Senator. The allocation of water in these particular dams is at a certain point and must remain at that point because those waters are there for a specified purpose and that is irrigation. These dams are built for irrigation and reclamation not for flood control. This is a sorry state of affairs I will admit. But there wasn't anticipated a flood situation so, at the present time they have built them up to the allocated amount of irrigation amount and reclamation water. They can't let it go because they are by decree will have to keep that water in there, there just isn't room for any more water. Now I have asked Washington and I have been in contact with the Senators office so that we might be able to reinforce one particular dam and maybe built a little on the top of it so that we can have an additional allocation for flood control, but Senator Syas it goes further than that. A real control is in the state of Wyoming and in the state of Colorado, those states are not bothered by the floods because they let the water come down here and I believe that they just send Mr. Jones out to the state of Wyoming or Colorado just recently with an ultimatum for the bureau of reclamation to get on the ball and get us some flood controls, now does that answer your question? Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Murphy do you wish to speak?

SENATOR MURPHY: Senator of Senator Kremer if I may.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kremer, do you wish to respond?

SENATOR KREMER: Yes, I'll be glad too.

SENATOR MURPHY: I believe that your committee heard the bill on natural resources funding which was to provide 5 million dollars I believe and I wonder if this type of construction isn't incorporated in that request? Isn't what that funding was...

SENATOR KREMER: I'm not sure which bill you are referring to Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY: Oh, I wish I could tell you too, I want to say 975 but it was....

SENATOR KREMER: 975 does not carry an appropriation but it only sets up the machinery so that that time the state of Nebraska is willing to make an appropriation they will be available for matching funds then with any federal funds that may be available and there are no appropriations in 975.

SENATOR MURPHY: Haven't they asked for a sum in the neighborhood of 5 million dollars to begin this.