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very briefly what's happening. Just yesterday, some people that represented our public power called me to the back of the room and said that we cannot possibly keep up with providing electrical energy for the irrigation wells that are being installed this summer and that have already been contracted for next drilling season. The continuation of the development of the use of our ground water is surpassing that which we even dreamed about several years ago. We are simply going to have to stop some of the water that is going out of our state that is causing flood damages, we're depleting our underground water table, and we need to replenish it in the best way we can. We did allocate something over a million and a half dollars for flood control. At the time we amended that provision, I made the statement then that I feel that our responsibility and best use of money would be made in stopping floods. And building water shed projects, terraces, and whatever it takes to stop the floods to provide for the remedy after it happens. Today we have three projects, or large projects that are authorized in Nebraska, for Nebraska by Federal Agencies. But they have never been funded, and we have been told in language that's easy to understand that they will not be funded by Federal Funds unless the state of Nebraska is willing to show in good faith their interest in these projects and put some of their own money into it. I'm talking about the O'Neill project, the North Lous Project, and Mid-state. I'm sure we won't get them all. But we have been advised that unless Nebraska does get interested there is no hope because there are something over 270 of these projects authorized in the United States, and only a part of them are going to be funded. We have been told that the State of Colorado has gone to these Federal Agents and said we have from between six and seven million dollars in our pockets to show in good faith that the state of Colorado is willing to do something. We have been told that the State of Texas said that we have fifty million dollars that's available for these purposes. Here is Nebraska without anything unless we are willing to do something. I feel that we will not be given any consideration on the part of the Federal Agencies that provide the funding of these projects. But I could just mention very briefly some of the alerts that are before us today with respect to the food requirement in the world. We are told unless we have a super, super feed grain crop this fall that feed grain carry-overs are going to be the lowest perhaps in history. Or at least for many many years. The requirements for food throughout the world is following close in the footsteps for the requirement of fuels. And unless we can step-up the production of food in the United States which is the breadbasket of the world and the breadbasket of the United States are the midwestern states where irrigation is developing. Now just to review this very briefly in an attempt to show you that I feel that the time is here we need to put the money of the state into the development of our water and land resources. This definitely at least goes part way to funding LB975 that we passed the other day and is now on the Governor's desk. Mr. Chairman I move for the adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Whitney, Burbach and Kelly in that order, will you please turn out your lights.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Mr. President and members of the Legislature. I merely want to give a point of explanation in reference to what the budget committee on this. The Fiscal Analyst in checking this over reduced the Governor's recommendation by about 150,000. When the Budget Committee considered this, they increased it back up to approximately what the Governor recommended.