

the amendments that I offer for 997 last Friday asked for an appropriation of one million dollars to fund LB975, which is a conservation of our lands and water. The amendment that I am offering this morning is a amendment that would delay the funding of this 975 until the year 1975-76 rather than an immediate appropriation. This is what the purpose of the substitute amendment is. I ask unanimous consent to withdraw the amendment that I have offered last Friday.

PRESIDENT: Lets see if we can do that. Are there any objections to the withdrawal of that amendment? If not, hearing no objections, the amendment is withdrawn.

CLERK: Read Kremer amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: Mr. Chairman, what we are doing here then this becomes an expressed obligation rather than immediate funding. It does delay the date of the bill for one year. I do this because I think that Senator Kelly asked a question the other day are we ready to use a fund like this, are we ready to go, and my answer at that time was yes, and in checking further into it I think that we can get just as much done by delaying until after January of next year and it would give the board of equalization at that time to set the rates as would respond to this request.

PRESIDENT: We are debating the Kremer amendment to 997. Senator Keyes, then Senator C. Carsten.

SENATOR KEYES: Senator Kremer, I would like to ask you a question. Senator Kremer, have you had any calls from the NRD boards for this fund and do they have any plans as to what they are going to do with it or is this just appropriating money so that they can plan for the future?

SENATOR KREMER: The NRD's have taken interest and so have other sub-divisions of government who also would be eligible through an application for these funds to use these funds. They could be used immediately, however, we do know that LB975 provides that a program of priorities be set up and this can done now in the interim and now in the mean-time and please understand that as I said the other day this fund can be used by any other subdivision of government other than just the NRDs.

SENATOR KEYES: Senator Kremer, I understand that there is going to be a study committee this summer in taking care of the water of this state. Both from the irrigation and the dams and from everything else and one million dollars I don't know if it is in the amount that is needed or not, but I would certainly oppose putting that in there now until we find out what we need and if the NRD board from Sarpy, Douglas and Washington county, opposes me, they should come and tell me, but I don't see that they need any more money from our district and certainly over the state I don't think that we need it until we absolutely have a reason for it. This idea of appropriating money in the future and thinking that we might need it you give a bureaucy and a million dollars and they are going to spend it, they will find some reason to spend it. I would certainly oppose this.

PRESIDENT: Next to speak is Senator C. Carsten, F. Lewis, Kelly, and Dickinson.