

build more in for irrigation and then allow room in these dams to control flooding. When we talk about those kinds of steps it doesn't mean only state funding it means federal funding. I think that I have said on this floor before, that I am at least concerned about what has happened to federal funds. They have dried up and we have been told in real clear language that there are not going to be more federal funds for the larger structures until we are willing to match them on a state basis along with the local basis, so this is for both Senator Carsten, for both.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT: Senator Stahmer, F. Lewis, Kelly, Syas, Maresh, Johnson, and Simpson. Senator Stahmer.

SENATOR STAHMER: Mr. President, Senator Kremer, I wonder if you would yield to a question? Senator Kremer, I have supported every measure that you have brought on these NRD district and I laud you for your interest in this area and my only concern now is that I'm not sure that I completely understand what the confusion and everything that is going on today, I'm not so sure that I would oppose this, I might favor five million if I better understood it, but if you could possibly come before the budget committee and explain this out better maybe this just came up recently and that is probably why you didn't come in before, but I don't think that Senator Marvel is here now and I think that Senator Clark is gone and some of the others, and I have a hunch that if you have got a good request and I have a hunch that you do, I just wish that we could talk this out where this or where there is less confusion and we can really get down to brass tacks and either do whatever is right. Would that be possible?

SENATOR KREMER: Senator Stahmer, I would be glad to do this, I will share with you why my concern is here at this time. I have asked to be excused tomorrow noon. I will be accompanying Mr. Dale Williamson to Washington and we have been asked to appear before the department of interior and some of the people have their hands on some of these federal funds. Now then I think I stated the other day when we passed LB975 that several other states have had problems in the area of water and I specifically named Texas. We were informed that the that they have 50 million dollars in their pockets and they will go to the federal agencies and say we are willing to carry our part of the load. Colorado I said the other day I said seven million and now I understand that it is ten and the Federal people that I have talked to said this. It is going to be mighty hard to turn down these states, that are willing to match some of our federal funds and give some priority to you people that are not willing to match it. I was hopeful that when we appear before some of these people Thursday and Friday that I could say that Nebraska has at least one million in our pocket that we are willing to match federal funds that may be available.

SENATOR STAHMER: Senator Kremer, what are the 50 million that Texas, what are they going to try to do with it, I'm not sure that I'm clear on that.

SENATOR KREMER: I'm sure that you are aware that the high plains of Texas is in dep trouble. They have gone down the same roads that Nebraska is following today. Now I could talk about a lot of other things other than irrigation and I would like to talk about flood control, I would like to talk about