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SENATOR KREMER: Senator Dickinson, we are really talking about two different funds. The appropriation made by the appropriation committee was a continuing program that went for the cost of right-aways an easements. This appropriation applies only to LB975 which is a brand new program and I have delayed by my amendment the appropriation of this amount of money until next year and at that time the board of equalization if this bill passes would necessary have to consider it in setting their tax rates. Of course it would relate to the budget committee later on. Now at the time that LB975 was passed I wanted this type of request seperated from the twenty thousand that was in 975. 975 with the twenty thousand only sets up the organization and gets the machinery going for this. I was not aware of this of the availability or the probable availability of funds on the federal level until the last few days. Then I saw necessary, at least I thought so, that Nebraska get involved, or we are going to be....at the lower end of the line when it comes to getting....

SENATOR DICKINSON: I guess the statement and I guess that this partially answers the question, but the probable availability probably before we appropriate a million dollars, stay right there, is...how do we know that this can be made more certain than probably. From federal sources to something to supplement these funds.

SENATOR KREMER: Senator Dickinson, the amendment is worded like this an income tax rates by the state board of equalization on assessment shall be considered as an expressed obligation so it shall be that will be law.

SENATOR DICKINSON: I am referring to Federal funds that you are talking about. We are appropriating this on the basis that there will probably be federal funds, can't we...is it possible to pin down those federal funds a little more concretely than that?

SENATOR KREMER: I think that it would be very foolish to be assured that we are going to get federal funds. But even if we don't we could spend more than this just on the larger water shed programs that are not being funded...we have got many programs today that are authorized but have not been funded because there were not enough local funds, and unless Nebraska itself gets in there even the local projects can not be funded, I don't believe that they can be built.

PRESIDENT: Next to speak is Senator Syas, then Maresh.

SENATOR SYAS: Mr. President, very short to Senator Kremer, I'm not opposing what he is trying to do here, because I understand it that it is merely something that he wants the board of equalization to set the tax rates at a particular time with this in mind, that it could happen. I wish to say that I want all of the SENators to know and I think that they do realize that we can not committ actually any expenditure which he isn't doing here, it is just an implied expenditure, we could not permit any expenditure like this to the next legislature because they are not bound by anything that we do today the 75 legislature is not bound too. That is understood isn't it Senator Kremer. One other thing that it does sort of get to