

me, when we do get into this field of flood control and irrigation and water recharge and all that sort of thing it seems to me that the state of Nebraska goes every direction all at once. We are trying too....we need some recharge especially in Senator Kremer's district of water and yet we have floods in other areas on the or on account of the bureau won't allow some of the water out of these large reservoirs so that when the snow melts in the mountains that is coming time there is no room to store the water so it is going to flood and on the other hand, we talk about sinking water tabels and of course in the past, and maybe to the present, I don't know, but in the past we have tried to make every stream and creek and river in the state run in a straight arrow to drain faster which has drained the water level. To Senator Kremer, I wish to ask, and this happened in the Nemaha and especially in the Big and Little Nemaha areas, Lincoln Creek drains your area, have they straightened that one?

SENATOR KREMER: Have they straightened it? No, not to my knowledge.

SENATOR SYAS: Fortunately, but they have straightened a lot of them in the state which has lowered the water level.

SENATOR KREMER: I think that the straightening of the water courses has been chiefly in the southeast part of Nebraska.

SENATOR SYAS: Do you think that they have been advisable?

SENATOR KREMER: I think that in some cases yes, and in other cases it causes problems because the water just moves that much faster.

SENATOR SYAS: What happens to the water table?

SENATOR KREMER: I don't know, in that part of the state I don't think that there has been very, very little irrigation and it doesn't.....

SENATOR SYAS: I'm not talking about just irrigation, there are other things a that are involved in water table other than irrigation.

SENATOR KREMER: Senator Syas I have seen many water table maps, but I have not seen one related to southeast Nebraska where the streams have been straightened, so I can not answer your question.

SENATOR SYAS: Well the thing that has actually happened is that the streams leading to....where the big streams have been or eroded down. You know dug deeper.

PRESIDENT: Senator Maresh.

SENATOR MARESH: Mr. President, members of the legislature, I am disappointed that Senator Kremer didn't stick with his previous motion to make these funds available in this coming year, but a...a...because last fall SENator Wiltse, and Senator Carstens and I met with the Lower Big Blue Natural Resource people and the board and the manager and they told us that they could use five hundred thousand dollars at the present time. So in answer to Senator Keyes if these people are ready for the