

this money, I think that they would I wish that you could appropriate five-hundred thousand directly to the Lower Big Blue Natural Resource District. I would support a motion to make one million dollars available right away.

PRESIDENT: Senator Johnson, then Senator Simpson.

SENATOR JOHNSON: Mr. President, members of the legislature I rise to support Senator Kremer in his request and I happen to serve on the interim study committee with Senator Burbach about three years ago and we visited the natural resources... at that time it was 33 in number and we saw a need of many projects in many districts. Senator Maresh just mentioned that there are several projects that use this fund and in answer to Senator Keyes. One more point that I would like to make is that the flood waters in just my district alone and I served on the county board there and one year it works out that \$200,000 worth of bridges were washed out and the same flood the Arlington bridge over highway 30 was washed out and a cost the state of Nebraska more money than that or that this one request will cost.

PRESIDENT: Next to speak is Senator Simpson, Nore, and Frank Lewis.

SENATOR SIMPSON: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, Senator Kremer's idea here and what he is talking about to me is very important and I think that it is an area in which we should be doing something. I was for his original amendment which was withdrawn, but now this one I have some real questions and I just think that I shall oppose it. First of all I'm not sure what the amendment says, but this says one of two things. Either it says that next year, starting July 1 of this year we shall appropriate one million dollars which in no way are we going to spend before the following year. If this is true, then that means that they can only use the money to reappropriate it here hence so we would be tying up a million dollars of tax funds for this year with no real purpose in mind. We could do it a year further. The second thing we would be saying that we are not going to appropriate the money this next year but we are implying that the following year that we will appropriate the money. There is no way under our constitution that we can tie up state funds or another legislature a year hence even with this type of language. The money would have to be appropriated and the decision would again have to be made a year from now whether we would have the funds. Either way I think that we are off the boat, we are going the wrong way, and we should either appropriate funds now so that a portion of them could be used in the next year as federal money might become available and or else lets just lay back and a year from now bring it in and I see no reason why this body wouldn't pass it. I would be for it one-hundred percent.

PRESIDENT: Senator Nore is next to speak but before that before Senator Nore takes the floor the Chair wants to announce that we have a small parking problem someplace involved here. There is a car parked in the parking lot across the street in the Senators area and the Chair is asking that if anyone knows whose car he used to get into that lot, that if you would please contact Senator Proud, the name is Carl Mameo. We hate to call and have someones car hauled away but there is going to be some difficulty on this if the person isn't identified, so