

of this entire state, that is the land, and the water. Now the federal government in the years gone by has been very generous in the area of appropriating money for these specific purposes. But like they always do they say now it is your baby. Now I live in a part of the state in which water is the life blood not only for those who farm but those who live off and those that farm it.

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I would hope that the people of Lincoln and Omaha really don't have any particular interest in the bill of this nature. It will be considered to the point that of going along with the amendments in order to help us help ourselves and to help you and to promote the state. Now what this amendment does, it appropriates a million dollars in the year 74-75. Senator Kremer's motion would take care of the following year another million for 75-76. The federal government has said that in the area of water, use it or lose it. They mean just exactly that. Anyone knows that the water table in the area of the state of Nebraska, depending upon the location some more than others is going down all of the time. Water is more important than fertilizer is. Now this state needs to tell agriculture that we are in their corner. This is only a start, this is not the end. I'm sure that we people that do advocate this amendment realize that there is a limitation as to what this body is going to do. These things can not wait. They should not be expected to wait. A million dollars in the next year and a million in the succeeding year are certainly not unrealistic and there is something that can be documented and defended by anyone who wants to listen to the facts. I realize that in this body 49 people of various interests and that is the way it has to be and that is the way it should be. Somewhere along the line the other people who do not have the interest of the water or the land, to the extent of food and other things, they have to take us at our word. Because many times we take you at your words. Mr. President, I move for the adoption of the amendment which has to do with the appropriation of a million dollars the next fiscal year and another million for the succeeding year. We all have to realize that we are going to have violent change in the membership of this body. Some of us might contend that we are indispensable we know better than that. We do know that this body is going to have a great change in personnel. It may not be to the extent that we think that we feel now, and we had better do what we feel ought to be done while we are here because maybe those who follow won't feel the same way. They may not have the expertise. They may not have the desire. They may not have the way in order to do the things that only we who are now here can do. So Mr. President, without prolonging this thing, I ask for the adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Stahmer, we are now debating the Carpenter amendment to the Kremer amendment.

SENATOR STAHMER: Mr. President, members of the body, I not only second Senator Carpenter's motion I went down and suggested to Senator Kremer that we do exactly this and I'm glad to see Senator Carpenter offer the motion. I have had