

Now then, what we did we attempted to the best of our knowledge to get a record of the number of center pivots just the pivots alone that were installed and are going to be installed this summer. As near as we can tell there were about 1,500 sold. In fact 1,500 is the figure. Now you multiply 1,500 by the \$750 that is yielded in the way of sales tax and you come up with over a million dollars. So this is paying its own way in just one year. Now if we run out of water we are not going to have this in operation, and another thing that I would like to point out to you I have here on my desk the agriculture statistics dating back to 1934 in 1934 the average yield of corn in Nebraska was 3.1 bushels per acre with a total net income of \$1.87 an acre. Those were the drought years and we know the cycle of weather how they come and they go. We could have years of plentiful rainfall and years of shortage of rainfall. We can have them again. Now my next jump goes to 1948 when irrigation started to coming in in a real way in Nebraska. Then the yield of corn jumped up to about 42 bushels per acre and we planted about 7 million acres of corn. Now then since that we are irrigating presently something like five million acres or about five million acres and the yields have jumped to 93 bushels per acre, average yield. Now you multiply that on out and put the multiplier in that and...you will see the terrific economic impact that this has on Nebraska that would even touch flood control, we haven't touched recreation and we haven't touched any of these things. We just touched the irrigation, and we could talk about the same things in flood control. Senator F. Carstens will tell you the economic loss only to public facilities in the blue river area of October of last year. There was something like a...a...over two million dollars. We haven't talked anything about the private laws. We could talk about a lot of these things and I think that the time has come to vote and I move the amendment be adopted. As amended.

PRESIDENT: Question is do you want to adopt the Kremer amendment as amended by Senator Carpenter to 997 on General File. All those in favor of the motion will vote aye, those opposed will vote no. You are voting on the Kremer amendment as amended by Senator Carpenter to 997 on General File. A piece of unfinished business from last Friday. Have you all voted? Clerk will record. Ooops, I'm sorry.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 1 nay Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Motion is adopted. Now are there other amendments to the bill?

CLERK: None.

PRESIDENT: Alright, We now have the bill 997 with all the amendments on General File, what is your pleasure gentlemen? Alright Senator Carpenter, the motion is to advance LB997 as amended. All those in favor of the advancement of the bill vote aye, those opposed vote no. This is the motion for the advancement of 997 off of General File. That motion requires 25 votes. Once again, the Chair would inquire, have you all voted? Clerk will record.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays Mr. President.