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of this next fiscal year.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to speak in support of Senator Carpenter's amendment to LB1053, this particular amendment. Now, some of us that met with the several federal agencies that were here in the Capitol Building about two weeks, were told about these funds that would be available. And I think it would be foolish on our part not to make the state funds available to the Environmental Control Council so that we can have the money to accept what is available to us by the federal agencies at this point. Then along with that, I'd like to say this. I believe that we here in Nebraska have a very fine situp in the way of meeting the demands of environmental control in that we have a Council within our state and it's operated by a director and by a committee that works with him. And we're simply going to have to take care of these people and give them the funds that they need in order to carry on the program they're now on as well as help these cities and towns are provided for the disposal of their sewage. And this would do it in my opinion. I think we'd be foolish to not adopt this amendment that's offered by Senator Carpenter. Because of what it's going to be able to do for our towns and our cities as they build these plants. They're going to have to come into being because of the requirements...on pollution control.

PRESIDENT: Senator Keyes.

SENATOR KEYES: Well, Mr. President, I'd like to ask why the \$25,000 is necessary because sometime about two years ago, I think it was, that I sent a letter to every city in my county and every SID that had installed waste treatment plants and notified them that these funds were available and they have received the proper forms and have been filled out and I wonder what the \$25,000 on the state level is for? We are already doing it in Sarpy County and they knew about it. What's the deal?

PRESIDENT: Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: In order to expedite the bringing about of the funding to the local areas. He...you don't just take a check and write it out, it's not that simple.

SENATOR KEYES: In other words, the Environmental Council needs \$25,000 more money to handle this?

SENATOR CARPENTER: That's my judgment, yes.

SENATOR KEYES: Well, I knew...because I know my county has already filed (inaudible).

SENATOR CARPENTER: But you see if...it isn't necessarily a matter of filing, it's necessary in processing, the amounts have been there and expediting the things to these towns. I think this is only a very infinite part of the total that's going to be available.

SENATOR KEYES: Well, if it's necessary to get \$250,000 or \$25,000, we expect to get back many many hundreds of thousands of dollars in our area for it.