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SPEAKER MARVEL: ...and we will proceed this way and if this... We are taking the third day on this bill and I realize it is an important question but I do think we have to, in fairness to other measures, at least try to draw this to some conclusion. The Chair will recognize now, according to the order, Senator Kahle. Senator Kahle, do you have questions you wish to pose to Senator Kremer or do you want to make comments?

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. President, members of the body, first of all I would like to make a comment and then I would like to yield my time to Senator Kremer if he has some additional things he would like to bring to the body. I guess I find some fault with the speech that Senator Schmit just made in lumping some of the things that we discussed down here along with the seriousness of the water problem and I think that after being involved with water problems most of my life and especially since I have been in the Legislature, many of the people back home have complained that when are you going to do something. Many people have criticized Senator Kremer for moving too slow. Others have criticized him for going too fast. It looks to me like this bill is an approach finally to get something done that most people are asking for so with that, Senator Kremer, I would give you the rest of my time and if you need some questions, why I probably could provide some of those. Would you like to...?

SPEAKER MARVEL: Are you posing a question to Senator Kremer now?

SENATOR KAHLE: How much research has gone into this bill? That will last you a while.

SENATOR KREMER: First of all, Senator Kahle, we have to go clear back to four years ago, maybe five, when two committees were involved in an attempt to draft legislation that would give a tool to Natural Resource Districts to resolve the problems existing within the district. The committee on Agriculture and the committee on Public Works worked for a whole year on this. We took another whole year by the Public Works Committee in an attempt to draft this legislation. This legislation, LB 577, then was submitted to the entire body and was discussed thoroughly on this floor before it was passed. It has been recognized as being one of the major pieces of legislation passed and perhaps the first one that was a major move in an attempt to try and do something about Nebraska's growing water problem due to a continued development program. For two