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SENATOR KREMER: Mr. Chairman, I am perfectly willing. May I have the floor for a moment?

PRESIDENT: Yes, you have the floor, Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: I attempted in the best way I could to explain what the bill did and there are six areas that need to be addressed. Now I am willing to go through the whole bill page by page, line by line. I would prefer to do it tomorrow. There are some certain terms that are used that I am going to have to get some counsel on it because I can not answer it. Senator Kelly can very cleverly put me on the spot and I don't know how to answer his question and I don't want to be that way. I realize that we are on the air and I want to look pretty good, so in order to be prepared for anything that Kelly can ask me, I am going to need all night to do it and just pray for me that I won't need to sleep. I will answer the questions to the best of my ability. Again I say I may not know all the answers and I am going to depend on our committee, on Public Works to help me out. I will be looking to my counsel but I will spend a lot of time tonight in looking at every line, every word and attempt to go through the bill that way, if you will allow me, Mr. Chairman, to do that tomorrow.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Cullan.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I think those who have been listening this morning, as Senator Koch has said, and those who have read the bill, I am not sure that there should be as much confusion as there is if a great deal of attention was being paid to the discussion we have had so far. I don't necessarily see a need to lay this over. I think we should advance it. Those who have further questions can address it on Select File but if we get in the habit of laying these bills over just because we are not adequately prepared all the time, I think we are going to run into some problems and I don't see a problem with this bill. I think most of us know what is in it. Senator Kremer, I would like you to continue your dialogue with Senator Kelly and I would like to yield my time to you for that purpose because you were interrupted. You ran out of time in your dialogue with Senator Kelly. I'm not sure there was a problem there. I don't think Senator Kelly had you quite on the spot like he thought but for a while I would like the two of you to continue that discussion about the uses of water. I do not see a problem there. I think the bill is accurate. Senator Kelly may