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because it is a very important piece of legislation. It is important because it is going to pinpoint whether or not this Legislature is going to hold faith to their commitment to restrict and to regulate the spending of public funds or if the Legislature is going to continue a proliferation of funds and the proliferation of funding in the manner which makes it difficult for the public to know what is going on. I would venture to say that prior to the introduction of this bill a minority of the members of this Legislature were aware of the fact that there was more than one development fund or one fund available for the development of our natural resources. We have historically and repeatedly spoken about the necessity of providing adequate funding for the development of our state's natural resources and we like to think of that in terms of the soil and water. Over the past several years we have usually appropriated one million dollars to that development fund. As a result of that appropriation, we now have in the development fund and available for spending or else it has been spent I believe \$4,959,000. Governor Thone in his budget message indicated that he would add two million dollars to the development fund and that the money could be used at the discretion of the Natural Resources Commission either for the development fund or for the conservation fund and that was probably the first time some of us even knew there was a conservation fund, a separate fund. It is quite interesting and I hope that you will stop visiting long enough to listen to this so that you know what you are voting on when you vote. It is quite interesting that from the time that the Governor recommended an additional two million dollars of funding for the development fund that the Natural Resources Commission added obligations to that fund in the extent of six million dollars, a three to one ratio. At the present time there has been a little over, almost thirteen million dollars of money requested for projects from the development fund by the Natural Resource Districts. There have been only \$200,000 less than that that has been approved by the Commission for funding. Now Senator Warner has some amendments, I hope I am not jumping the gun on anyone here, which would attempt to control somewhat the appropriation or the approval of projects to keep them in line a little bit with the amount of funds that have been provided by this body. I want to give you a good example in my own district, the Lower Platte North. The Rawhide Creek project has been approved to the extent of \$1,115,275. There has only been \$45,000 of that expended and they expect to spend \$309,000 of it in the fiscal year of '79 and another \$760,000 in the fiscal year of 1980. Now bear in mind that at the

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