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SENATOR KEYES: I hope we are, because I would definitely oppose our Congressional Delegation doing anything to support this.

SENATOR HEFNER: This Act is in effect now.

SENATOR KEYES: Well, whatever it happens...sand and gravel in the state of Nebraska are becoming, as you said, one of the most important things, but right around Omaha now there's only one or two places left that's within the vicinity...drilling vicinity and pumping that there is good aquifers so we can get water by the thousands and thousands of...hundreds of thousands of gallons to supply our city, and we do not want to permit the gravel pits to come in and pump this out and then there is no more. At no time will an abundance of water be available for eastern Nebraska. So whatever you do, don't mess up and don't give the gravel pits the right to do what they want to without first coming and getting my opinion.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The resolution is on Page 1272, Senator Keyes. Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: Very briefly. I would support the Hefner resolution. We've long said that Nebraska is not rich in natural resources in the way of minerals. They do have a lot of good sand and gravel, and it's good. One of the economies that we have is along the Platte River especially. We have a rich deposit of our gravel that's used widely in the state for road construction, for concrete construction, and if we're going to keep on hamstringing the operators of the gravel pits, we're going to hurt the economy of our state. I think it's important that we pass this resolution. Sand and gravel is important to this state, and we have a lot of it and we're thankful for it.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. President and members of the body, I also support the Hefner resolution. In my particular area they pump enormous amounts of sand and gravel, both for highway use and also for construction. In fact, we wouldn't have the Fort Kearney Camp Grounds, or the Kearney County Camp Grounds right now if it hadn't been for all the gravel that was pumped to build the Naval Depot at Hastings, and it's good gravel. It doesn't hurt anything. I don't know what the situation is in Senator Keyes' area about pumping it all out, but I think in our area it makes it better the more pumping we do, because then we have a few fishing holes. Thank you.