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as I have been acquainted with it and as I have read, and as I have sat in public hearing, has already made progress, will continue to make progress, and would have more flexibility under Senator Kremer's amendment. Therefore, as a member of the Appropriations Committee I support Senator Kremer's amendment.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Reutzel.

SENATOR REUTZEL: Mr. President and members of the body, Senator Vickers said that we ought to be representing the people on this Advisory Board. Well I agree, Senator Vickers, and I think that's what we're doing with 595 as we have it now written. I don't claim to be any expert on water. I don't think any of us are. If we were, we wouldn't have the problems that we have. We'd have the problem solved years ago. I think 595 as it's presently written insures that all water interests are represented on this Advisory Board. Now what can be more fair than to include everyone involved in this planning process? 595 in present form maintains legislative oversight, and I think we ought to maintain that language. I don't think we should deviate. We've struggled with water problems for years in this state, and I think it's time that we address those problems, and what better way to address those problems than with an Advisory Board which is made up of those concerned with water from all different aspects, and what better way to approach that task than with legislative oversight. It seems ludicrous to me to bias any future recommendations concerning water by putting a commission in charge of the nominations and removing the Governor from those nominations and removing the Legislature from dealing with those nominations. We've got serious water problems. They seem to come and go though as the rain does, but I think it's time that we deal with them and I think it's time we take a sensible approach, and I think 595 is that sensible approach. I hope that the body would reject the Kremer amendment and move on with 595 as the Appropriations Committee has written it. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Before we go on to the next speaker, the Chair would like to introduce on behalf of Senator Hasebroock two visitors of his, Bud and Ethel Hansen from West Point. They're up here in the north balcony. Would they stand up and be recognized? Good morning to the Hansens. Welcome to the Legislature. Also from Senator Hasebroock's district there are twenty-five 8th graders, 2 teachers and 1 adult from the Scribner Public Junior High School at Scribner, Mrs. Mary Ann Svec, Junior High teacher. They're in the