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they are going to work, if we are going to put the money into it, if we are going to approach the water issue, then you are going to get that job done. I noticed the shortness of the people on the floor today and this issue can be won this year and you can gloat about it but down the line that will be in the memory of people in terms of trying to decide what is fair representation. Down the line and that line is coming and it is close and we have talked about it for a long time but it is two years away right now in terms of more and more representation. I think we need some fair approaches to this. I think it is stubbornness, it is an attempt in terms of a rural-urban split, not to say that that one more member was going on that commission because there is at least, there is at least eight or nine, and I see Senator Kremer shaking his head that he wants to kill the bill, there is at least eight or nine, there is at least eight or nine rural guys on that board right now and this would make it all the way up to three or four urban members and I know with the quality of rural representation we have, eleven urban guys can usually whip four city guys so I don't understand the fear and I don't understand the logic so I guess it is just down to basic stubbornness and a desire to be divisive, and if that is the way people want to play, I guess that is the way you play. It is certainly not my nature to do so but I will play by whatever rules we need.

SPEAKER MARVEL: I think the Revenue Committee is convening over underneath the balcony. They are supposed to have an exec session. If any members haven't gotten the word yet. Senator Newell. The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? I do. The question before the House is, shall debate cease? All those in favor of that motion vote aye, opposed no. We are voting on ceasing debate. Have you all voted? Okay, record the vote. Senator Newell, I am sorry.

CLERK: 14 ayes, 10 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, motion failed. I would remind the body, if you will look at General File and then look at Select File and we have a deadline of two o'clock, I would like to keep the finish by then. Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, this is not a rural-urban issue. This is not a love in or a fight. It is an understanding of the preservation of the natural resources in this state. It is the charge of the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission. The various