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agency received for these two programs is \$600,000 over last year by virtue of the elimination of the discretionary fund. Small watershed is the same amount, \$75,000, which it has had for a number of years. The Crime Victims Reparations Board appropriation for...represents an estimate, \$35,000. Its history is very short.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Warner. Senator Warner, Senator Kremer has a question. Then, Senator Kahle, do you have one? Okay.

SENATOR KREMER: Senator Warner, I did not quite understand, if you did explain it, someone was visiting with me here, why in your committee you saw fit to do away with the discretionary fund? I don't quite understand your explanation.

SENATOR WARNER: I think the basis for the committee's decision to eliminate the discretionary fund was that the funds were, as I believe, if I recall correctly, were totally used in the natural resource fund last year so it didn't seem any particular reason to have a discretionary fund. The increase in the Nebraska water conservation fund was in excess of the agency's request. I think reflecting a majority's viewpoint that it was more appropriate to give assistance in this area of the smaller dams and other conservation practices through the NRDs and local county and then the increase in the resource development fund, per se, their request was for \$1,500,000. We put in a \$1,850,000 but then without the discretionary money.

SENATOR KREMER: Was the committee aware that a good many dollars were turned back that could not be used in the conservation fund, and on the other hand, there was a tremendous shortage of about \$12 million in meeting the requests or applications for development funds, was your committee aware of that?

SENATOR WARNER: Well, the resource development fund, of course, has as you indicated several million dollars of pending applications, several million dollars from reappropriations of previous years for projects that are approved at some step of construction. I was not aware that any money was being turned back, at least I am not, of the utilization of the water conservation fund. I was not aware of that. Maybe somebody is but I am not.

SENATOR KREMER: Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kahle.