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Now there are those in this body that continue to feel that we need to apply more rules and regulations, good management of water, and I agree one hundred percent as long as it is reasonable but anytime that we think that we are going to maintain the economy we enjoy today in this state through an economy that is based on agriculture and agriculture's prosperity and it is gone is based on a use of our groundwater especially in at least four-fifths of it, once this water falls we have yet been unwilling at this point to recognize the disaster that we are going to suffer. Now I could give you figures after figures of what has happened not only in this state but in other states. Now anytime that we think that we can handle our problems just through management we are just simply whistling Dixie. Unless we are willing in the State of Nebraska to impound more of the water that falls from the sky and comes into the state and keep it in Nebraska, we are facing more serious problems than most of us realize. Today we have only two Bureau projects left in the State of Nebraska and it looks like they could go down the drain like the one did several years ago. That leaves us only with the intermediate type of water impoundment. Now we are trying to stop to the best of our ability the development of some of these impoundments. I think that conservation is necessary but let me tell you that farmers today do have ACP funds available, and by the way they cannot even use the conservation money until the ACP payments are utilized. I want to emphasize once again unless we in Nebraska are willing to fund even to a greater extent than we have the development of water in our state, we are facing some serious problems. I know many of you do not believe that, but if you would take the time to come to my office, I will give you file after file of information, of data that has been collected that point to a time some time in the foreseeable future when we are going to experience some of these things. Now many say, well, we are getting a lot of rain today and our water table is holding up and I believe we are living in a period that is going to be very temporary. Nebraska is known for its long periods of drouth in many years past and there is no reason to believe that these things will not appear again, and when they do, we had better be prepared to have supplementary water to support the economy that we enjoy today. I strongly support the Sleck amendment and I want to warn again if we do not put more money into development in the State of Nebraska along with good management we face some serious problems, but if we are willing to do that, I am convicted, at least on my part, or convinced that Nebraska can enjoy the economy that we enjoy today as an agriculture state in

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