

that little brochure that we put together here, it reads exceedingly interestingly. Oh, no, you don't find much money in the 23rd Legislative District. You don't find much in the 22nd. You don't find much in the 43rd Senator Lamb says but there is a tremendous amount of money in the two urban areas and that is probably right because that is where the people are. That is where you have to spend the money but, ladies and gentlemen, if you want to conserve water, you conserve the water where it is at and that is in our areas. That is in Senator Lamb's area, Senator Cullan's area, Senator DeCamp's area. Now it is unfortunate you can't build the dams in your area and have that expenditure of funds down there also but you can dam Salt Creek and you are not going to save much water. You will be damming the most polluted stream in the State of Nebraska and no one ever talks about that. You can dam the Missouri but I don't know where you would dump your sewage if you did that. So you are going to have to provide the development funds for those areas where the water originates and if you are serious about water conservation, if you are serious about declining water tables, if you are serious about a shortage of water, if you are serious about running out of water, then you are going to have to put some money on the line. Now I know very frankly that some of you are not serious. I know you would rather build a building in Omaha or in Lincoln. I might even want to build one in Wahoo or Bellwood. Once in a while we throw up a little structure in Kearney and call it a library, but the point is this, that the investment that needs to be made to conserve and enhance the water resources of the state have to start with a development fund. Natural Resource Districts by a virtue of the taxing authority which they have which is mainly property will not ever be able to raise the money they need to do the job that has to be done. The urban senators have told me time and time again, we are interested in water. We want to do something about water. Well, ladies and gentlemen, you can't contribute the land. You don't have the water under the land. You can't contribute the practices. You can't engage in the conservation practices. You can't provide the land where the dams are built. The only thing you can do is to appropriate a little, small amount of money so those structures can be built in those areas where the water comes from. Now while you were all wandering around here visiting, discussing what is going to happen next, I want to say this, that there will be a day of reckoning and it will be sooner than you think. I am going to ask, Mr. Chairman, after the debate has closed, for a Call of the House and a roll call vote so that we know for the record how people stand when it comes to putting their money on the line and when we get all through I am going to know