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at 50% match basis, that perhaps ought to be the guide then for all and the other, as the language indicates, with the 50% match it maximizes the use of the state general fund money to cover a larger number of projects with the 50-50 match as opposed to 75-25.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Dworak.

SENATOR DWORAK: Mr. President and colleagues, Senator Kremer told us that there was not enough state dollars to go around all these projects. This is one way to stretch the existing amount of state dollars and this particular fund. Obviously, if we are only going to pay 50%, which to me seems very generous, it was generous for grasshoppers, it ought to be generous for this type of program. We are going to fund more projects with 50% than we would with 25%. I think also we are asking for a stronger local commitment and I know of several projects in this state that are very unpopular that had they needed to commit locally a larger share of the dollars, I think we wouldn't have the problems we have right now in the local areas with those specific projects. Actually, the NRC has set the precedent themselves. This year they funded a project at 50-50. The project is rather close to home so I am aware of it. It seems to me it is a flood control project in the Lost Creek area right on the edge of Columbus. I think this is the first time the NRC has funded a project at something different than 25%. I can't say that with certainty but I think the other than state match is higher on this particular project than any other preceding project. I think this is a step in the right direction. As Senator Schmit pointed out this is not statute. This does not say they shall. This is direction and I think it is appropriate for this body to indicate the direction that maybe they should look at to wisely, prudently and economically stretch out the limited supply of state dollars.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Kahle. Senator Kahle. Senator Kahle, last call.

SENATOR KAHLE: Sorry. Well we are debating an issue again that has been hashed over and over already this session and I get sort of upset about our concern for water. Everybody wrings their hands and says, oh, we've got to do something. It is just getting terrible and, oh, my, if the water...if we lose our water table in Nebraska, what is going to happen to us? We could be a desert and we appropriate millions and billions almost of dollars in the state for projects or for things that we have to do like the University and all the other