

go the direction in which it is leaning. I don't like to get personal about these things but I just want to point some things out. There are some people who are very strongly opposed to the development fund type projects. They are basically conservation oriented and they like to have the small projects. Now I have pointed out I have some of those small dams on my farm and I like them and they do serve a purpose out we will never store any major amounts of water if we rely entirely upon those projects. I want to call your attention also to the fact that in the past we have relied from time to time upon the development fund to make major improvements in certain areas and we have not done so because of the fact that we have limited the amounts of money. I would like to read to you, but I will not take the time, the actual intent language from 596 which states specifically and in dollar amounts, the amount of money we were going to commit to the development fund. The development fund has not been funded as we intended under LB 596. I don't like to put it on this kind of a basis but I am going to. I believe that if you do not support the Kremer amendment, you are voting for...well let's just put it in plain language so you can all understand it. You are voting for a Sierra Club type of amendment against the type of development which the commission might choose to recommend if they were left free to their own decision making process. Now if you want to have the Sierra Club take over the entire water development of the State of Nebraska, then say so, but let's not do it in an underhanded type of manner. I think it is very important you support Senator Kremer's proposal. I think it is far more than we like to admit. It may represent a significant direction and the adoption of 1004 with that language included will be a significant change in the direction of the funds for water development in the State of Nebraska. I support the Kremer amendment and I hope that 24 other persons do also.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President, members of the body, I support the Kremer amendment because I think we need projects, these water projects in Nebraska. We also need more than 50% of the funds on some of these projects. It is very important that we keep on developing our water resources. If it takes more money from the state to fund these projects, let's appropriate it and so, therefore, I would just like to say let's support the Kremer amendment.

PRESIDENT: We are ready for a close by Senator Kremer. You may close, Senator Kremer.