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SENATOR KREMER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, I will try to be brief. I would like to review very quickly what has already been said on the part of those that support the amendment. I can fully understand the committee's action in an attempt to spread these available funds out so all of us can have a piece of it. As we tried to explain, the danger of it is with the one mill levy on the part of the Natural Resource Districts there is just not much money available and all we are going to end up with is a lot of little conservation projects. Now there is no way out for Nebraska to capture some of this resource water and just relate it to your small farm projects. It is going to take some larger projects that cost a good deal of money. Now Senator Warner said that under the present provisions it is on a 25-75% basis. We've just now checked with the commission and this has been their policy but there is an additional 15% that is available in the way of state money for other and incidental things. So there is a total of state funds permissible up to 90%. Now we are cutting it down to 50% and there is our problem. I am fully aware that we will not participate in as many projects if we leave the 75% or 90%, whichever you choose, but believe me we will get some projects and we will get them completed and we will be on our way. I don't object to a project being built in the Columbus area or even the Omaha area. I know if we stay with it and seriously think what we can do in the way of state funding, my turn is going to come in my area. We can't all have a bite of it at the present time. There is not that much money. I know, however, I tried to point out the other day what some of our surrounding states are doing. I tried to point out in the State of Colorado they are working on a bill that would provide up to \$40,000,000 by the state. I pointed out what Oklahoma is trying to do and here Nebraska comes along with a measley little \$3,000,000. Now if that is all we got and I'm not arguing about more money, we're not talking about more money, not one bit more money, we are just talking about the money that we have, let's make it at least do something that is worthwhile and progressive. Mr. Chairman, I renew my motion to adopt the amendment before us. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT: The question then is the adoption of the Kremer amendment to LB 1004. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. A record vote has been requested, all right. It shall so be. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? We are voting on the Kremer amendment to 1004. Well, Senator Kremer, I guess...do you want to bring them in? It seems to be stuck.