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the bill to establish a compact with Iowa, Missouri and Kansas and presently the legislatures in these three states are considering legislation to join us in this compact. Last September I attended a conference in Kansas City that was sponsored by the Midwest Conference of State Governments and we found that...Randy Moody and I attended this conference. We found that the State of Missouri is using the river extensively. They have expanded the use of the river for barge transportation and I am sure that the potential of that river are great. So I think we should do what we can to have the Legislature keep abreast of what is going on in the other states, Iowa, Missouri and Kansas, as far as the compact and to see what we could do as a state to promote the use of the river. So I move that the amendment be adopted. This is with the approval of the two sponsors of the bill.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Newell. Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President, members of the body, I rise to support this amendment. I think it is a very good amendment and Senator Fitzgerald and I were sponsors of this bill. You recall the bill would add the chairman of the Appropriations Committee to the Transportation Advisory Committee. We are surrounded or we are not surrounded but we have the Missouri River on the eastern boundary of Nebraska and it is being developed and provides a good source of barge transportation and so I think this is very important in not only moving our products out of the state for export but also bringing commodities into the state, therefore, I would urge you to support this amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Fitzgerald.

SENATOR FITZGERALD: Mr. President and members, I also endorse the amendment as being chairman of the committee. I think it is a very, very good amendment that Senator Maresh gave us.

SENATOR CLARK: The question before the House is the adoption of the Maresh amendment to LB 457. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Record the vote.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of Senator Maresh's amendment, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: The amendment is adopted.

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Kilgarin.