

difference does it make, everything is working just fine. I can tell you a situation that is coming up that I'm really worried about what difference it is going to make. The Salt Creek Valley which runs right on the edge of Lincoln and through a part of Lincoln was designated in the past as a 100 year flood plain, but the Corps of Engineers is now reassessing and saying now that they made many mistakes in the past and it is not a 100 year flood plain, maybe it's only a fifty, maybe it's a forty or thirty. What that means in practical terms is that much of the construction that has gone on in that particular flood plain is now going to be jeopardized, that is people who have bought land with the idea of constructing and priced as land that could be built upon may suddenly no longer be able to be built upon. People who have property out there may not be able to build additions to the property or may not be able to build on the land at all because of the redefinition by the Corps of Engineers with regard to what type of flood plain it is. Now in order...

SPEAKER NICHOL: Excuse me, Senator Beutler. (Gavel.) May we have it less noisy so we can hear the speaker. Thank you, Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...in order to get it back to the 100 year flood plain status, probably a great deal of money is going to have to be spent in the Salt Valley Watershed on the edge of Lincoln. But at the same time the directors of the project have the Weeping Water project going, a flood control project out there that is designed to take a great deal of their money and there is a very serious question coming up I think as to where the board's priorities will be. And frankly I think that...I feel uncomfortable and I think that anybody in our situation would feel uncomfortable and I think the citizens of the City of Lincoln would feel uncomfortable knowing that on this kind of a crucial question they are badly, badly underrepresented and I guess it remains to be seen in this particular situation how it works out and who votes for what at a particular point in time, but I wanted to illustrate to you a very practical kind of problem and a very real kind of situation where the area you represent and the people you represent may well make a difference as to which project you choose to fund and may well make a difference in your judgment as to which project is the most important. It does make a difference. The situation is just blatantly unfair. If the Legislature