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that would protect the Blue River...Lower Blue River Basin, and immediately would protect the town of DeWitt which sustained over a million dollars of damage in the 1983 flood and any amount of these impoundments would protect that area in the future and on downstream through the City of Beatrice. I think that we are losing...going to be losing federal funds through different procedures under the Gramm-Rudman area, so we should, at least, try to protect those federal funds that we can match and leverage through the programs that we already have established. So I would request that this override be approved. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Morehead.

SENATOR MOREHEAD: Mr. President and members of the body, even though this particular project is not in my district, I also rise to ask you to override. We have overridden significant amounts of money in this budget and we probably all know where we stand right now as far as taxes are concerned. This is not a pleasant position for many of us, who are campaigning, to be in, but there is no way that any opponent can ever accuse us of not being courageous in taking the risks of making what we feel are really proper and appropriate votes as far as the Nebraska budget is concerned. And this is a proper and appropriate vote, not only because of what Senator Eret said in leveraging federal funds, many of us voted to help those outside of our districts, in Omaha, do the same thing, and I am asking those very same people to help us in this particular area. DeWitt is a small town in Nebraska, yes. It is a big employer, a big economic contributor in its industry, a major industry in our state which was almost devastated the last time that the flooding occurred. Its employees come not just from DeWitt, they come from my district, from Senator Eret's district and maybe even from Lincoln, as I understand, people who drive there to work. I urge you to override this. It affects the whole of this total area and, in fact, the economic base in the State of Nebraska and it is a wise vote and a wise decision on your part to override this item. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DECAMP: Question.

PRESIDENT: The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? First of all, let me ask if Senator Schmit or Lundy had anything further to ask. I think we can dispense with that. I