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SPEAKER MARVEL: No objection, so ordered.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Koch to print amendments to LB 311; Senator Wesely to LB 361; Senator Koch to LB 245; Senator Chambers to LB 273; Senator Newell to LB 47 and Senator Koch and Burrows to LB 190. (See pages 997-1002 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, Senator Kilgarin offers explanation of vote. Finally, Mr. President, two new resolutions, LR 43 by Senator Marvel as Speaker: (Read.) That will be laid over. LR 44 by Senator Koch: (Read. See pages 1002-1003.) That too will be laid over, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Now before we proceed to LR 26 which is on the agenda, today is the celebration of Agriculture Day. There will be a signing of a proclamation in the rotunda and the members of the Legislature are invited. The celebration begins around eleven-thirty and I assume those of you who want can check on the rotunda. Meanwhile we will continue with LR 26.

CLERK: Mr. President, LR 26 is found on page 673 of the Journal. It is offered by the Public Works Committee and signed by its members. (Read.)

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, LR 26 was brought to the Public Works Committee by some of the subdivisions of government in the southwestern part of the state, namely tri-county interests and some of the NRDS in that area of the state. The resolution was signed by a number of the members of the Public Works Committee and then was held up for several days in order to learn if we could, how this project would be of benefit to Nebraska and if there were any disadvantages, what they would be. You have heard the resolution read and I have had the Pages lay a map on your desk, on each one of your desks, to show you where this proposed project is as related to Nebraska. You will note on the map that the dam would be close to Ft. Morgan, Colorado, and it would provide irrigation waters on and along the South Platte River almost to or to the Nebraska state line. Now I am trying to explain to you what the advantage would be to the State of Nebraska. I would like to make five important points why I think Nebraska should support this resolution. Some ask the question, why should Nebraska get involved in a project that is not in the state itself and it is a good question and I will try to answer that as I make these several points. First of all, if Nebraska does take a positive action on the