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horrible condition. All the way from the Wyoming line and the Colorado line, clear down and gets into where ever it dumps in, I presume the Missouri, and these things happen it takes a time for it to generate, but we know enough now that it is going to happen probably because we haven't even been concerned about the snow, which hasn't begun to melt yet in the mountains in Colorado and Wyoming. In which the North Platte river originates and I would hope that someone in authority would do something in order to give us something except their kind wishes that we do something immediately because we can't do anything. We don't have the money to do anything. Now whether or not we have enough money in the, capacity fund, or what ever the fund is called in the State, I do not know, but I don't think we have enough to do anything of any consequence. I would hope that others in this body, who might be in a like position, without taking too much time off to give their expression in this field of what we need.

PRESIDENT: That chair recognizes Senator Duis, for what purpose do you rise Senator?

SENATOR DUIS: I wish to speak in also in regard to the situation along the Platte river.

PRESIDENT: State your point Senator.

SENATOR DUIS: A, I think the body will remember that during the last session, we introduced a resolution, Senator Carpenter and myself and I think Senator Clark joined in and possibly others, which asked that the Governor put someone in charge of the rivers of the State so that these things could be watched closely and taken care of and obstructions and such as that and I believe that Senator Carpenter amended this, to the roads department. Now it is my understanding that during this intervening time, very little has been done in regard to this because apparently this was sent down to the roads department and they said we don't want to do this, or something like that and we finally, I've been waiting now for the last few weeks because we knew that this probably would happen again, and we wanted something done, but nothing happened. Absolutely nothing happened that I know of, and I've questioned these people and as far as I know, they had finally wound up over in the Natural Resources Division someplace and they are looking at it. I talked to Burl Johnson about it, I said, who's going to see these things are done and about all that Burl Colonel Johnson would know then, was well we'll have to wait and see. This is being bounced around, back and forth, so personally and I think for Senator Carpenter and anyone else involved in this resolution, we would like to know what happened to it. Why things weren't watched more closely, because this

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