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seeing that our College of Engineering instead of being further reduced in its programs and so forth that it be strengthened and to ask you if you'll be willing to help and assist us in our...

SENATOR KREMER: Are you referring to a bill that will do this?

SENATOR MAHONEY: Well, an amendment that we'll have?

SENATOR KREMER: Amendment to a bill?

SENATOR MAHONEY: Yes.

SENATOR KREMER: Well, I hate to make a promise until I look what it is. I get caught once in a while doing that and wish I wouldn't have. I'll be willing to discuss it with you and have a look at it.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Nore.

SENATOR NORE: Mr. President and fellow members, I rise in support of LB 149 for one reason is that we have made a discovery in Nebraska of the use of our underground and above ground water which is greater potentially than all the oil that's been discovered in Texas. Eventually it will be greater than that. We went to a symposium over in Potalis, New Mexico where quite a number of folks from the oil country of Texas would very gladly trade their oil for our water and I think we're living right in the middle of the greatest area of potential development of any spot in the world. Now Iowa-- they will never increase their corn yield too much from now on I don't believe because they lack the moisture, the water. Corn is king and water is the power behind the throne. We have that power of water if we will develop it so this is so important. Agriculture is going to become much more important than it is now. We know it's important now but with this great discovery and the know-how of how to use this underground and aboveground water we're going to become the white spot of the nation as far as agricultural production is concerned because we have an almost untold amount of water to increase our yields.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Savage. We're still debating LB 149 as amended.

SENATOR SAVAGE: I'd like to ask if Senator Kremer would yield to a question.

PRESIDENT: Very good. Senator Kremer, Senator Kremer, Senator Savage wonders if you'll yield to a question.

SENATOR SAVAGE: The bill that we want to put the amendments on is 275 which is ahead of your bill and for reasons, since Senator Stahmer's wife is having an operation today he isn't able to be here to present his bill, would you be willing to let us bracket 149 until we hear 275 so that we don't put you on the spot? We'd like to get a commitment.

SENATOR KREMER: No, I think you'll put me on the spot if I grant your request.

SENATOR SAVAGE: I'm going to ask for this 149 be bracketed.

SENATOR KREMER: No, I'm going to oppose.

SENATOR SAVAGE: Well, you can do that, I'm going to ask for a vote on it.

PRESIDENT: Motion is to bracket 149, that's the issue before the body at this time. Senator Waldron, we're debating bracketing 149.