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SENATOR KREMER: Can you tell us how many dwellings are built in Hansens Lake area? That are there now?

SENATOR KEYES: I believe there's in the Hansen Lake and Chris Lake I think there's between 350 and 400 dwellings, with about 800 to 900 people.

SENATOR KREMER: Are there any commercial installations in this area, other than the dwellings?

SENATOR KEYES: Nothing more than the dwellings, no it . . .

SENATOR KREMER: Some gravel pits? Is this right?

SENATOR KEYES: Oh, there are gravel pits. These are on gravel pits. These homes are on gravel pits now.

SENATOR KREMER: But I mean they are, there are operations there now extracting gravel right? Pumping gravel?

SENATOR KEYES: On Chris' Lake and Hansens' Lake there are no gravel pits pumping at the present. But on the 80 acres that is directly West of that there is a gravel pit now being pumped. That's where the dike is breaking into. This is on land that these people have no control over whatsoever.

SENATOR KREMER: There is a water treatment plant there, is there not?

SENATOR KEYES: That's on the next 160 acres on West, which belongs to MUD.

SENATOR KREMER: What I'm getting at, if you divide the \$92,000 by the 400 residents that are constructed there now, plus the several commercial operations, they would have to assume on their own approximately it would cost them \$200 a piece. Would this be impossible then to meet this expense on their own?

SENATOR KEYES: Well I don't think that the expense is too much when you consider that you probably have a \$30,000 or \$40,000 home to protect. But, Senator Kremer, there is one thing to remember, this land in which the dike is going to pieces on and which the river is going to flow onto and this sand pit is not on land owned by these people. It is anywheres from a mile to 100 feet above where they live. You see this is private land on which . . . well it would be just like having a flood in Sarpe county and saying that I have the right to go up and put a dam on Jim Dickinson's farm to keep the water off of Sarpe county. As an individual I just couldn't do that. As a government we might be able to do that.

SENATOR KREMER: Well but you do feel that it's a state responsibility then to move in and assume this cost of \$92,000, rather than asking those that have chosen to build their dwellings to assume the responsibility of approximately \$200 apiece?

SENATOR KEYES: What'd you say Kremer, Senator Kremer?