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instead has \$250,000 in it presently. So it might not be the amount of money that's needed. Reading also I understand that this levy might not just be a one-time shot, but might have to be continued if the situation stays as it is on the river. So it might be something that we'd have to do every month or every three months, or something to continue to give protection. The recommendation that I say also said that there should be a levy put up for the back which would be protection to most of the area, but not all. It could become a permanent levy that would protect at least the rest of the people. I'm really not sure what we're doing here. We're recommending and requesting the Governor to do something which, I know, he has already checked into it. If my eyes were proper, he said that he was not ready to step in until an emergency really came. His emergency was when the water went through the levy.

SPEAKER: Chair recognizes Senator Carsten.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Well, Mr. President, and members of the Legislature, last week Senator Kremer and Senator Keyes and myself were a part of a party, together with the Governor, that were down to this area and personally inspected the problem at hand. Regardless of what our hindsight might be, of course that's always better than foresight, we probably are 30 years too late in doing something about permitting buildings in areas like this. Nevertheless, it has happened. There's hundreds of thousands of dollars invested in this area. Many people are involved. Some of us volunteered to put our fingers into the dike to hold it, but we got no assurance that help would come fast. We were afraid to stay. I do say that the situation is, at least in my opinion, quite critical with the flow of water in the channel, coming up against this dike continuously. We understood that from the reports that another three feet had gone off of this dike this Spring. We have not had any real high water. In the event that we get some high water I'm sure that the emergency is going to be there. The protection is going to be too late because the damage will have been done after the emergency exists. Relative to the other installations across the river, from what we could understand and what was told to us that day, the dike itself on Buccaneer Bay has not changed the course or the channel of the river. The only thing that might happen in the case of high water is that water could not go on down over this area where the Buccaneer dike is that would possibly force more water across to the North side and create a greater problem. I am in support of the resolution. I think the emergency is now, not after the dike breaks. I hope you can see fit to support this resolution.

SPEAKER: Chair recognizes Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I'd like to ask either Senator Keyes or Senator Lewis three or four questions.

SPEAKER: Senator Keyes do you yield?

SENATOR WARNER: It's purely for information, Senator Keyes, so I understand it better. You've indicated the dike in question is owned by an individual. Apparently someone other than those that are directly affected by potential loss. Can you tell me who built the dike originally, or for what purpose originally?