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PRESIDENT: Senator Kremer. Yours is on the bill rather than the amendment. All right. Senator Dworak, do you wish to be heard again on this matter?

SENATOR DWORAK: To close, Mr. President, and colleagues, I think, as Senator Bereuter said, water is our most important resource and I totally agree and I just can't see where some water is important and other water isn't important. Now we have lost 85% to 90% of our natural wetlands in the rain basin area of Nebraska, over 16% in the sandhills and this loss has been primarily due to man. Now had man had the tax incentives or any incentives, or if nothing else, public policy encouraging the conservation of this water and this resource chances are we may not have lost 85%. I feel this water is absolutely as important as the water we retain on the land in man made impoundments. I cannot conceive we can say some water is more important than other water, and so if we are serious about this bill and if we are serious about the conservation of water and we should be serious about the conservation of water and I know Senator Bereuter is serious about the conservation of water because this is his priority bill, then let's conserve all water and let's face this problem squarely and not take a divided approach on it and put this amendment on and conserve all the water in the State of Nebraska. I would urge the support of this amendment.

PRESIDENT: The question is the adoption of this amendment to the bill. Record your vote. Have you voted? Record.

CLERK: 10 ayes, 20 nays on motion to adopt the Committee amendments.

PRESIDENT: Motion fails.

CLERK: There are no further amendments on the desk.

PRESIDENT: Senator Bereuter, it is almost time for recess. Would you like to commence the debate on advancing the bill or would you want to wait until afterward?

SENATOR BEREUTER: I would like to move it now.

PRESIDENT: All right.

SENATOR BEREUTER: But I think the debate will be lengthy, and therefore, I will wait.

CLERK: All right. Mr. President, Senator Koch asks unanimous consent to print amendments to LB 665 and then Senator Burbach moves to recess until 1:30 p.m.

PRESIDENT: You have heard the motion. All in favor say aye. Contrary say nay. We are in recess until 1:30 p.m.

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