

majority of the elected members so it requires 25 votes to refer, just for your information.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Mr. Chairman, I would ask Senator Kremer just a few quick questions.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Senator Kremer, would you yield?

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Senator Kremer, I have seen a number of resolutions that people are contemplating introducing in the Legislature about water. Now is it my understanding that your committee is going to conduct an extensive study of this entire subject during the interim?

SENATOR KREMER: I don't think I will be able to answer that question until after the hearings on the proposed legislation that is before this session have been held. A lot of these bills are going to, I think in the end we will ask for some more input and I question that we have all of the information at this time that will give us the data, the information, that we need to move ahead. Until we do give it some further consideration, how extensive this further study will be, I really don't know.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Then let me ask this substantive question here. Will the passage of this resolution or other resolutions adversely affect the efforts of your committee?

SENATOR KREMER: I don't think so. What Senator Carsten is asking for in the passage of this resolution would be to allow for the study by the Bureau on the feasibility of a project like this. Now I have got something I want to say and I will say it on my own time, Senator Lewis, if you want your time.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Mr. Chairman, again, I am not trying to raise any flags on Senator Carsten and the thing I am concerned about is that we don't get ourselves in a bind with a number of projects to vote on which would be less than scholarly at this point in time if you dealt in the issue of water. With that understanding, Mr. Chairman, I think I will withdraw my request and let the debate continue on the resolution.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Unanimous consent to withdraw his request for a motion to refer. Any objection? So ordered. Senator Warner, I believe wanted to speak next. Senator Carsten.

SENATOR CARSTEN: May I speak to the resolution itself now before we get into any further discussion.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Yes, that is proper. I forgot. We really didn't get into the main...

SENATOR CARSTEN: I beg your pardon, Mr. Chairman.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: You are correct. Will you please present the resolution.

SENATOR CARSTEN: We have for quite some time been concerned about all the water that is going by Nebraska borders clear on down to the Gulf of Mexico that seemingly Nebraska should be using a part of, at least, and it seems like now and