

April 9, 1987

LB 146
LR 76

isn't any market for water and Nebraska isn't very astute in taking a look at this. Now, if I had the only pen of cattle in the country, I would like to say I know Senator Scofield doesn't have any fat cattle to sell either, you have got to come to my pen to buy cattle. I think that is a little bit of what is going on. Some of these areas are marketing water. They would just as soon not see Nebraska come into the market because we do have probably the best and the most extensive and the highest quality resource available of any of the states.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Sorry, time has expired. While the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and I do sign LR 76. The member from Stromsburg, please, Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, as you will see, I am a co-sponsor of this bill and I do advocate looking into the sale of the water, but if Senator Schmit would yield to a question, please.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Sure.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR MOORE: Senator Scofield was talking about this and I am going to follow up on that a little bit. There has been some people involved in the whole issue of water law, and things like that, that know far more about this type of thing than I do, and they are concerned about this amendment in that it changes...you know, the original bill is not saying whether or not the sale of water is good or bad. It is saying it directs the board to go out and tell us whether it is good or bad, and your amendment is saying, yes, it is good, and this board is now commissioned to go out and tell us why it is good. I guess why I say that, this amendment strikes the original Sections 2 of the bill and inserts the new language found in amendment 572, correct, Senator Schmit?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Right.

SENATOR MOORE: In the original Section 2, it talks about under subsection (2), (e)(2), it talks about you go out and find the appropriate state role regarding such transfers, that is what it says there.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Yes.