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talking on this bill, and what will trigger it in Douglas County and Sarpy County and Washington County?

SENATOR KREMER: It would be existing conditions that certainly should bring the attention of the people living in the area that come to the Board of Directors and say that we have a problem related to the depletion of our groundwater, the use of our groundwater, and also the quality of water that may be brought about because of this depletion, the lowering of it and the salts coming in. That is what this bill would do. They would go to the Board of Directors and say we have a problem. We think you ought to request the Director of the Natural Resource...I am sorry, let me try again,...the Department of Water Resources, the Director of the Department of Water Resources, to conduct a hearing. That is what starts it all.

SENATOR KEYES: In other words, the dam, dike that they are putting along the Missouri River south of Bellevue for several miles would not be one that they could trigger and get the full mill for? That wouldn't be?

SENATOR KREMER: No, sir. They cannot get that full mill unless they go under control.

SENATOR KEYES: Okay, now, here is another one that I am interested in and you are interested in, water diversion. Will this bill, if you decide that the underground water in one NRD is lowering, will you be able to implement that mill to transfer, give you the money to put in a, what do they call it, water diversion, transbasin transfer of water? Will this be a part of the program, and if it is, I'd like to know? That'd be a critical water shortage.

SENATOR KREMER: No. I will say no, no, no.

SENATOR KEYES: Senator Kremer, it could be a water shortage. In your area, there could be a water shortage and you could be for water diversion and this would be one of the things that would trigger the mill?

SENATOR KREMER: No.

SENATOR KEYES: It won't. Okay, and then I will make a, that is all, Senator Kremer, then I will make one statement very clear, that this state has had a campaign last year and there was absolutely statements made that in no way would we increase the spending on the state level and this will increase the spending. Not necessarily on the state level, but