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LB 593

SENATOR WARNER: No.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Okay, thank you.

SENATOR NICHOL: The Clerk advised me we have an amendment.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator George moves to amend LB 593 on page 12, line 23, strike "977".

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator George.

SENATOR GEORGE: Mr. President, thank you. The amendment, and you can look at page 12, line 23, it simply says strike Program 977. This program has been carried for a number of years and it is totally unnecessary. It carries a little bit over \$1 million and the original reason for that was to provide some state matching for recreational programs around a project which was supposed to build a certain number of flood and recreation dams in the Douglas and Washington County area. The federal government, the Corps of Engineers, as you probably know, have cancelled all these programs. President Carter has promised to veto any other dam projects that would be built. Therefore there is no federal money available. I stress again this had nothing to do with flood control programs. It was just supposed to be the matching amount of money for recreational programs in these two counties. Now since the federal programs have all been cancelled, there is absolutely no need to continue to carry this large amount in our yearly budgets. Therefore I move to strike this particular program.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Koch, did you wish to speak to the George amendment?

SENATOR KOCH: I have a question of Senator Warner on this amendment. Senator Warner, this program was originally put in here for what purpose?

SENATOR WARNER: Originally it was the state's share for some of the recreational, as I recall, some of the recreational development around the numerous lakes that were to be developed in the Papio. The committee, I should point out, has had some discussion.

SENATOR KOCH: Was this on all those dams that at one time were on the drawing board but since then have been pretty well placed in abeyance?

SENATOR WARNER: That was always my understanding, yes, sir.