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to oppose Senator Kremer's motion.

SENATOR NICHOL PRESIDING

SENATOR NICHOL: The Chair recognizes Senator Wesely, however, Senator, I would like to make an introduction of two guests of Senator Fitzgerald. They are Clark and Helen Lyon. Senator, are they under the south balcony? Okay, we'll recognize them if and when they come. Well, I guess they're in the north balcony now. Would you please recognize them? Thank you. Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. President, and members of the Legislature, I rise in opposition to the motion to return for a specific amendment made by Senator Kremer. I can understand the concerns he has expressed and I would agree that those are probably concerns that are shared by many people elsewhere in the state, but I think that the Committee carefully considered the proposed increases in permit fees and Senator Cullan pointed out there are some problems we've had with the fact that these permit fees have been so low that they've encouraged waste and applications that weren't necessary and abuses, and I think that raising the fee to this level is not at all out of order, and I think maybe in some instances that will be a cost that some people just cannot bear, or they don't feel very good about obviously, but I think that it serves a purpose and it serves the public interest and I think that we ought to keep the bill as it's been written. We have carefully considered it in Committee, and I think that we shouldn't return it for a specific amendment, rather we should pass the bill and go on with the business of today.

SPEAKER MARVEL PRESIDING

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kremer, do you wish to...Senator Keyes first, excuse me.

SENATOR KEYES: Just one question, Senator Kremer, is this \$200 every year or how long does that give you priority?

SENATOR KREMER: If you read the amendment it says for filing, recording, examining each application for water for irrigation from a storage reservoir. It's a one-time through...or it's a one-time application process.

SENATOR KEYES: In other words, once you get that permit then that's good for five, ten, twenty years.