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LB 547

SENATOR KREMER: It's a water right.

SENATOR KEYES: It's a water right.

SENATOR KREMER: Once an appropriation has been made it's a right.

SENATOR KEYES: And when so many water rights are issued and it's all used up then the rest of them can go without?

SENATOR KREMER: Well the reservoir only holds so much water and it's constructed for such capacity, and once those rights are all gone there would be no water appropriated I would imagine.

SENATOR KEYES: Then if they were to pay \$200 for a permit and it went ten years, that would be just \$20 a year. It would figure out that much.

SENATOR KREMER: Unless the reservoir dries up in two years, then it's for two years.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kremer...

SENATOR KREMER: In closing, Mr. Chairman, I wish to point out, it's not an application for a permit to construct. It's for the use of water out of a reservoir that's been built and not to construct. There are other statutes and a bill has been passed this year that would have to do with the fees that are assessed for the building of a reservoir, if it's a long form to be filled out or a short form and this is only for an application for the use of water, for an appropriation of water and not for the building of a reservoir. I renew my request to return for a specific amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is to return the bill to Select File for a specific amendment. We are discussing LB 547. All those in favor of returning the bill vote aye, opposed no. Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 7 nays on the motion to return, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The bill is returned. Now, Senator Kremer, do you want to move the adoption of your amendment?

SENATOR KREMER: Mr. Chairman, I think I have explained the amendment, so I now move that the amendment before us