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can adjust that, they can bring in more people and it is not set in concrete as sometimes we make reference. We feel this is most important. The Committee...I'd like to review some of the background of why the Committee and why some of us feel so strong about this. On April the 14th of 1978 the Public Works Committee introduced LR 300 directing the Natural Resources Commission, and at that time six other state agencies, to cooperate in the preparation of a work plan to redirect, now get these two words, redirect and accelerate the development of a state water plan. Two days before, on April the 12th, the Governor signed LB 957, and I want you to get this. It was based on an appropriation of a \$150,000 to start work on this update of a water plan. Now LB 957, that's a year ago, stipulated that the Natural Resources Commission establish one or more committees made up of the public...made up of the public. So we said in that bill it's the Commission's responsibility to make this appointment. LR 300 carried the stipulation that the plan of work be completed by November the 15th of 1978. This work plan was completed, and was explained in detail to the Committee at a regular report meeting in December of 1978, and by the way the Committee, the Public Works Committee, followed up the work of the Commission throughout the summer by asking for a monthly report, which kept them moving on on this plan and kept the Committee informed what was happening. The other part of the amendment that is important I feel is an amendment that was suggested by the Commission itself, and it strikes some language that is not understood. I don't know what we mean by it, and it's found on Page 8 of the bill itself. It's unclear, and until such time we can clarify the language in lines 1 through 25, the Commission felt it would be pretty difficult to work out the stipulation as provided in these lines. So, basically, the amendment is pretty much the same as the bill with the exception of these two important changes that I feel should be made. I move for the adoption of the amendments.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Dworak.

SENATOR DWORAK: Well, Mr. President and colleagues, I really would like to have your attention on this very important issue. I think there is two major points of concern and contention as Senator Kremer and Senator Warner both indicated. I don't think there is anyone in the body can deny the importance of water in the state of Nebraska. This is probably the most important issue this body has faced the past five years, the past ten years, and will face in the next, or in the future. Now we're talking about