

that's going to advise them, it isn't a bit different than a planning commission in a city or a planning commission anyplace else. They appoint them and they advise the City Council. It's the same thing. One thing I'd like to ask is...I've got a memorandum on my desk from Richard Lombardi. I wonder who passed that out. Did anyone pass that out? It's from a lobbyist but no initials on it. That supports the Appropriations Committee and I don't appreciate having anything on my desk that someone hasn't initialed in the first place, especially from a lobbyist. But what I would do is certainly support Senator Kremer. I think this is the way to go. I think we would have people on that Advisory Committee that are absolutely interested in water and that's exactly what we need, and it's getting short out in my country and I certainly want to do that. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Frank Lewis.

SENATOR LEWIS: Mr. President, I rise to oppose Senator Kremer's proposal, and let's get the cards out here. Senator Schmit did the same old trickery in terms of saying, if you support this amendment you're on the side of right and conservatism, and if you're on the other side it's the Sierra Club and anybody else he can mention. We had this very fight on this floor last year, and the issue is simply who dominates that Commission. It's dominated and I asked last year, and Senator Kremer was one of those that opposed me right on the floor, add more city people...add more city people, add more consumers, and they said, no, water is not an interest to Omaha, water is not an interest to Lincoln, water's not an interest to Sarpy County and we want a Commission that precludes that except for one or two, and I said, one of these days you're going to come back you're going to ask for money from this Legislature, which is collected in Omaha, and Bellevue and Lincoln, and then we're going to have a further discussion about it. This issue, Senator Schmit, isn't as you smugly put it between the Sierra Club and those on the side of right and good and conscientious, etc. This issue is that this is a rural dominated Commission that wants to spend money, and you want to appoint who is going to spend it, and if we want to put the issues out very quickly right now, there are more irrigators on this Commission than there are public members from the urban area. Let's understand that. Let's understand that. If we want to go this way, this is fine. I have an amendment to strip all the money out of here and let them advise anything they want to, and that's coming up directly. The Appropriations Committee made a reasonable recommendation. They said somebody in this body ought to