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units of government, specific water interests and the general public. The local units of government which are eligible for membership on the board include the Natural Resource Districts, number two, municipalities, counties, irrigation districts, reclamation districts, rural water districts, public power districts. Specific water interests eligible for representation on this Board include ground water irrigation, surface irrigation, rural domestic use, livestock production, outdoor recreation, environmental, commercial industrial, fish and wildlife." That's a complete list. Now then some have said that it divorces from the Legislature...the Legislature's interest. Now notice, on Page 5 of the amendment read this, the Commission shall submit to the Legislature and to the Governor on or before September the 15th of each year a report on the progress of the state planning and review process. Such report shall include a listing of expenditures to date, an estimate of future expenditures with the Appropriation authority, a summary and an analysis of the work completed to date, a summary of the future work to be conducted. These items shall be addressed for all areas of the state water planning and review process. It goes on and on how this Commission working with the Public Advisory Group and with the agency heads they are going to be responsible to this committee. Senator Cullan...I respect Senator Cullan very much, but he alluded to the fact that this... our Committee failed to move in response to the needs. I'll have to advise you of all the monthly meetings we've held Senator Cullan was present at only about half of them, if that many at all. Senator Hoagland, as far as data availability is concerned, I myself introduced a bill in I think it was 1969 that set up a data collection bank. The material, the resource, in this data collection bank is available to all interests today. The hardware is at the University of Nebraska. This information can be retrieved by everyone. We're not in any way under my amendment doing away with availability of data. Senator Reutzel made this statement. If Nebraska would have been on its toes and passed legislation that was necessary we wouldn't have water problems today. I challenge that statement, there's not one state in the nation today that has the answer to their water problems.

SPEAKER MARVEL PRESIDING

SPEAKER MARVEL: You have one minute.

SENATOR KREMER: In this one minute I'll say this. Day