

May 8, 1979

LB 595

roll call until all legislators are in their seats. Okay, Clerk will call the roll.

CLERK: (Roll call vote may be found on Pages 1937 and 1938 of the Legislative Journal.) 21 ayes, 22 nays, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion lost. The Call is raised. Senator Warner, do you wish to advance the bill?

SENATOR WARNER: Yes, Mr. President, I move that the bill be advanced.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is that 595 be advanced to E & R for Review. All those in favor vote aye, opposed no. Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, isn't there any discussion on that bill? I had my light on.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Yes, I'll recognize you. Go ahead.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well, Mr. President and members of the Legislature, again I rise in opposition to the advancement of the bill as introduced by the Appropriations Committee. I think that it has been adequately explained before by Senator Kremer and others. I think that there have been time after time after time that the members of this body have united on issues that were of major importance to all of us in the State of Nebraska. I think that it is very unfortunate that there appears to be to a certain extent a rural versus urban split on this issue, and I want to say again that there have been many times that I and others have stood in defense of urban interests on water issues. I think it's of vital importance that the record be made straight and clear that there is not on my part any intention to deprive the urban interests of their rightful voice in water issues, but I insist that I...so long as I am a member of this body I will not meekly surrender that responsibility notwithstanding the pious pronouncements of some of my colleagues. The plain ordinary facts of life are these. You have to invest work, toil, earn a profit, so that many fine individuals who choose to become involved in a public way can afford the luxury of the time to be that involved. I have called the attention of this body to the fact that I do not believe that the makeup of the Natural Resources Board of Directors does fairly represent the urban interest and I have agreed with my urban friends that if they have suggestions as to how to improve that