

has more water under it than some other areas in the State of Nebraska or if there is more irrigation done in that area or something of that nature, we don't do it that way. Some people seem to want to do it on a population basis. If that is the case, then we are not going to be looking at the area of the state that has the most problems as far as water is concerned. We are going to be looking at the area of the state that has the most people. I think Senator Lewis and some other people here are getting the priorities as to what the Natural Resources Commission is supposed to be doing mixed up. Obviously if they want more urban people on there, then they should vote for more urban people or make sure more urban people are named. I don't think this is a rural-urban split. I think it is a difference in philosophy as to what the Natural Resources Commission is supposed to be doing and they are supposed to be dealing with water, pure and simple.

SPEAKER MARVEL: An amendment on the desk, the Clerk will read.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Lewis moves to amend: Read Lewis amendment as found on page 1199, Legislative Journal.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Lewis.

SENATOR LEWIS: I think this might synthesize the issue, Mr. Chairman. Senator Vickers gave an excellent speech in terms you have got to address where water is. Well, we are putting state money in and I assume you are going to allow us to pay from Omaha to put in that program. I suppose we can get that privilege, that we have the right to pay and then not the right to have any kind of determination where it goes. There is going to be continued frustration on this issue in terms of bucks in the program until there is some fair representation on it and I think maybe that may be one of the reasons that the appropriation has been looked at this year, both in committee and certainly it is going to be scrutinized out here. The issue is clearly this, the issue is clearly this that dollars are going into that program and we are turning it over to a board, and maybe that is the wrong concept. Maybe we ought to take those programs up one by one in here by elected members and that may be the reorganization structure we need. I thought the concept was good. I thought the idea to let that happen and provide some fair representation was excellent, but with the resistance to it now, it makes me very suspicious that perhaps somebody wants to keep it that way, not out of trying to cooperate, not out of trying