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Lewis. Senator Lewis, for legislative intent, how close to the urban areas can these dams be, the water projects?

SENATOR LEWIS: I think we would probably have to work that out on Select File and I am sure we can. I have accepted Senator Schmit's language and I am having the Clerk draft it that way but I am sure we can put that in for legislative intent and once we get on Select File through cooperation with Senator Schmit and Senator Kremer.

SENATOR MARESH: Would you say twenty miles would be reasonable, thirty miles, just for instance? What would you say?

SENATOR LEWIS: Well I want to look...I want to look at the date on the project and figure it out from there.

SENATOR MARESH: Do you have in mind certain projects that would ...?

SENATOR LEWIS: Oh, I might have one or two in mind.

SENATOR MARESH: Would you have enough projects to cover the \$2,000,000 additional money?

SENATOR LEWIS: Well not all of it in Bellevue, of course. I don't want to be that selfish.

SENATOR MARESH: No, I know you don't want them all at Bellevue but you do feel that there would be...?

SENATOR LEWIS: I think certainly there would be \$2,000,000 worth of those projects located near urban areas.

SENATOR MARESH: Very good, thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator George.

SENATOR GEORGE: Thank you, Mr. President. I am really amazed at a farmer like Senator Schmit comes up with this amendment and a farmer like Senator Sieck supports it. I can only say one thing. I hope that the first farms where somebody wants to put up that new mudhole and have recreation around, the first farms taken will be Senator Schmit's and the second one Senator Sieck's. I don't know why I have to stand here all the time trying to defend farmers who want to keep their arable land, want to pay taxes on it and want to produce something and two farmers stand here and want to take that agricultural land off the tax rolls, they want to take it off of agricultural