

I quote from Western Water, it is an association of western states, they are working together to do what is best for these western states. Nebraska does not belong to this association. We do get their publication. I'm quoting from the issue that came out last week and it says this. "The growing importance of western energy resources has raised important questions involving water management conflicts. So far Congress has recognized and accepted the states assertions to primary responsibility for water resource allocations." Now notice this word "however" comes next. "However, final Congressional action is still pending on both the fast tract licensing and syn fuel bills." Going on, "In addition to water management concerns, several studies have addressed problems with respect to availability of sufficient water supplies to meet the needs of western energy development." I spoke to that a moment ago. Only this last sentence, taken from this issue, "the construction of more western water storage projects appears to be the essential to meet the demands of all water users." You talk about the demand of industry. . . .has for the use of water. I repeat once more, I know the time is getting late, but I think that we can well afford just to meet the obligation that this legislature placed itself into a year ago when it said that it is our intent, and that is not enough, it is our intent to make available for conservation and development, three million, five-hundred thousand. We are not doing that. In most of the appropriation bills we have tried to stay close to a 7% increase, we are not asking for a 7% increase that we set a year ago. We are only asking that we live up to that commitment that was made then. Now the discretionary fund is a fund that can be used either way and we will give all of those that need money to keep on taking a look at how we could develop our water resources and use it to our best advantage. It still leaves \$750,000 in the conservation fund which is 50% more than we started out with at \$500,000, the development fund is much older than the conservation fund and we have not given it even that much of an increase. So I ask you, I plead with you, lets do what we need to do today and I assure you that you will not be sorry sometime down the line if we fail to do so. I ask for the adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Motion before the House is an amendment to 1002, the Kremer Amendment.

CLERK: Read Kremer amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Dworak, do you wish to speak on the motion?