

that is which is in LB 1002, based on what we promised last year, Senator Warner, I know that all of the money has not been used up. The simple reason is that \$300,000 was turned back because it couldn't be used. Now we could talk about a better procedure in the allocation of these funds. I would ask, what better method of appropriating these funds could we have than to use the various agency heads today that have the data, have the information, have the expertise to work with the commission and then allocate accordingly. I don't know how we can approve that. Maybe we can. Perhaps the intent bill that will come out of your committee will seek to do that. I'll be with you and I would hope to have a look at the intent bill also, in working with you, some of us that have been interested in water. I don't know how else to emphasize what I am trying to say. Unless we are willing to spend a few dollars to do what is going to have to be done, or else, there is no use going any farther with that, we have said it over and over again. No one seems to listen, no one seems to care too much. We know there are areas in other states where they have not listened and they seemingly did not care. Now they have got some real problems. I predict once again that we have at least four areas in our state that are going to face some difficult problems unless we put in some rigid rules and regulations in saying that you can't do this and you can't do that, and you can't do that. Instead of that, we had better be looking at what we can do to help develop this resource that is so precious and wonderful to us. I wish I had the time to give you some of the statistics that we enjoy today in the way, the position that Nebraska holds in the high plain states. Do you know that the high plain states, these six states supply almost 25% of all exported feed grains and corn of the entire United States. It is only because we have still got the water here. I tried to emphasize that it is not only Nebraska, it is Kansas, it is Oklahoma, it is Colorado and Texas and New Mexico and Nebraska is at the top of the list. We supply almost one-half of the exportable feed grains and that we use at home, these six states. I have that information for you. The hour is late Mr. Chairman, I won't go into that but I beg of you once more consider what we are doing here when we refuse just to meet the responsibilities to which we obligated ourselves a year ago. I ask for your favorable vote on this amendment, LB 1002. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: The question before the House is the adoption of the Kremer amendment to 1002. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay.

CLERK: Senator Clark voting aye.

SENATOR CLARK: Have you all voted? Once more, have you all voted? Senator Kremer.