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SENATOR DWORAK: Oh, okay, thank you. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator George. Is Senator George in the room?

SENATOR GEORGE: Thank you, Mr. President. I hope we can do it quickly. This amendment has been on several bills. Unfortunately they got stuck. I think it is extremely important that they preserve agricultural land. This is very clearly defined now. It does not attack the NRDs in anything that they are supposed to do, whether that is flood control, erosion control, they still can go ahead and do it, but if they want to obtain agricultural land by eminent domain and more than fifty percent of that is used for recreational purposes, and we have heard plenty of that recently from the parks to tennis courts, then I think they should negotiate with those farmers and see whether they can buy it or not. It still doesn't prohibit that unfortunately. I personally would go much further than that. So I think the DeCamp amendment is a compromise. It doesn't go as far as I wanted to go but I hope we can go ahead quickly and approve the bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Simon. We are speaking to the motion to suspend the rules in regard to LB 361A. Senator Simon.

SENATOR SIMON: Mr. President, would it be germane at this time to ask about the intent of the amendment or would that be better...?

SPEAKER MARVEL: Ask Senator DeCamp a question?

SENATOR SIMON: Yes. Senator DeCamp, let me ask you the same question that I raised....

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator DeCamp, do you yield?

SENATOR SIMON: ...the last time that you brought this up. Well, you really are an eager beaver this afternoon, John.

SENATOR DeCAMP: No, not really.

SENATOR SIMON: The question and concerns I raised at that time are the same that I have now and that is while I can sympathize with the basic intent, as I said before, we don't have that vast amount of land out in eastern Nebraska, and as a result, we don't have a lot of recreational facilities and I think I had asked you and I was even told