

SENATOR KREMER: Yes, sir. Mr. Chairman, I would like to make several points that have not been made. If you would notice carefully the committee amendment, it stipulates that he shall have five years experience in water issues which makes it perhaps equivalent to being an engineer in certain respects at least. Be it as they say that the Governor shall not appoint someone that does not have an engineer's degree, we can, even with this amendment. There is no problem. We could talk about a lot of other qualifications the person ought to have in that important position in these times. About being a lawyer, there are many, many legal aspects of decisions that have to be made that are legal in nature and I will add another one to it. When we run out of water someone is going to get shot and maybe he ought to be a doctor. I think it is very important the Department be headed with someone that has administrative ability. That is number one. It is fine if he does have a degree in engineering but that department like many other departments have been staffed up today so it is a much different type of operation than it used to be years ago because of what is happening to this resource in the State of Nebraska. I feel it will give the Governor more latitude in appointing someone to this position and then in turn of course, the department can be staffed up with engineers. They have them now and probably it is more important to think of the administrator rather than the engineer aspect of it. I move for the adoption of the committee amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the adoption of the committee amendments as 1 and 2. All those in favor of that motion vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: Well, Mr. Chairman, I think the decision needs to be made. I am going to ask for a roll call vote, probably should have a Call of the House. It is getting close to lunch time anyway.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Shall the House go under Call? All those in favor of that motion vote aye, opposed vote no. Record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays to go under Call, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, the House is under Call. All legislators please return to your seats. Unauthorized personnel please leave the floor. The motion is the adoption of the committee amendments 1 and 2 on page 462 of the Journal. Senator Kremer.