

about this than the State of Colorado. Water does run downhill after all. Perhaps those Coloradoans on the west slope or up in the mountainous areas of Colorado are not too concerned about the Narrows Project because it is downstream from them. It is not going to do them a whole lot of good either in flood control, groundwater recharge or anything else but if you will look at the map that Senator Kremer had passed out to us and if you will remember, those of you that saw the map of the Tri-county Project in the State of Nebraska, the large blue area that surrounds the Tri-county Project where it indicates groundwater levels are, in fact, rising, if you can imagine for a minute this map that Senator Kremer passed out, if that area that will be irrigated from the Narrows Reservoir turns blue out as far as the Tri-County area is, then you will notice that you will also have to imagine that it will cross the Nebraska line. It has to. Groundwater recharge will benefit Nebraska. Groundwater recharge in northeastern Colorado has got to benefit Nebraska. You know I represent a district that the Frenchman Creek that supposedly fills the Enders Reservoir is irrigated out of. Now the Frenchman Creek area is really being depleted because of various things but partly because of groundwater declines in that area and if any method that we can use that will enhance the groundwater recharge in that area has got to help large areas of the State of Nebraska. We are also aware that Lake McConaughy, those of us that are familiar with the Platte River and have lived close to it and I have not too far away from it all of my life, realize that Lake McConaughy on the North Platte River in the State of Nebraska stabilize stream flows. The Platte River is not dry during the summer time nearly as much as it used to be years ago. I can remember when I was a young kid that you couldn't hardly see across the river at certain times in the spring of the year, the water was coming down it so much but in the summer time we used to go down there and catch fish that were trapped in the pools that were left when the water had dried up.

SPEAKER MARVEL: You have one minute.

SENATOR VICKERS: We don't have that any more because of the impact of the return flows from the irrigation alone, the Platte River out of Lake McConaughy. The same thing would happen with the Narrows Project. We would have a more steady stream flow coming in out of the South Platte River. I would be remiss if I did not remind this body that also that stream flow would give the southwestern part of this state, my area, a little bit more of an opportunity perhaps to look at trans-basin diversion some time. Obviously I think that would be a great idea also. I certainly do support LR 26 and would urge this body's support of it also.