

eminent domain. That is the only way they will accept it so they had to use it for that purpose when they bought it the second time. The Educational Lands and Funds were very fortunate. They sold some land twice because the first time the irrigation district bought it, it went defunct, the Educational Lands and Funds then retained the property again, and then it was sold again. So here the school districts got a lot of benefits. Now a lot of talk was about a farmer splitting his property up. That can happen whether we have flood control or whatever but there is a thing about severance damage and I know that has been carried out many, many times. Anytime property is broken up, that individual will get severance damage and I can assure you there is no one in the Lower Platte South that has suffered because of this. I have got another little item. We moved an individual out of the Branched Oak area. He move up to the Lower Elkhorn near Norfolk to set up in farming in that area. He now serves on the Natural Resource District Board in the Lower Elkhorn. He approves of the Willow Creek Project. Why? He said, "You people down in the Salt Valley area had farsightedness. You saw what it could do to the area. Why can't we do this same thing in my area?" And he actually had to pull up his stakes and move out, and I can also tell you that today that farmer, or that individual, whoever it is, who has to move is being paid for relocation cost. He is being paid to locate in another area. That didn't happen with a lot of our Lower Platte South Projects. That law wasn't here but today, if he is a renter, no matter what, he is going to get paid for all the cost that is involved and even some of the attorney's fees. Now this is where there is some question marks. I would like to see you kill this bill. I think it is ridiculous. I think it is going to hinder the work of building projects and I would recommend to definitely postpone 243. Thank you. I might add, vote green and you kill it.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is to indefinitely postpone LB 243. All those in favor of indefinite postponement vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Senator Sieck.

SENATOR SIECK: How many are absent?

SPEAKER MARVEL: Five absent.

SENATOR SIECK: It is done. That is okay.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, record the vote.