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CLERK: 12 ayes, 25 nays on the motion to indefinitely postpone, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Motion carried...motion lost. What is next?

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have is from Senator Haberman.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, it won't take too long on this amendment and it is a very sensible amendment, very reasonable amendment, and I am sure that the majority of the members of this body will go along with it. I would like to draw you a little picture. I would like to have you picture in your mind a lake, not a very good lake. It has got a lot of cattle running around beside it and holes where the cattle have stepped around into it and left their little piles, and the dam is breaking down and it is going to be condemned. They are going to tear the dam out and let the water go as it is no good. It is not good for anything. So some of the people in the community of Kimball, Nebraska, get together and they say let's don't let that lake go. Let's do something about it. Let's have a Save the Lake campaign and see if we can't turn that lake into something. So the firemen, for example, go out and raise, the volunteer fire department, \$1200 to Save the Lake. Well, now word of this starts to pass around and there is a man that owns about a hundred and seventy acres around this lake and he kind of sits back in the bushes and he looks through those bushes and he sees what is going on over there and he sees where they are going to fix that lake up and they come along and he really doesn't want to sell his land and they said, "Well, we are going to take your land and we are going to give you \$80,000 for it", for one hundred and seventy acres of land that he lived thirty miles away from and that he didn't farm. He just left cattle run around on it. So he says, "Heck, \$80,000 isn't enough", so he goes hires an LL. Now an LL is a lobbyist lawyer or a lawyer lobbyist, whichever way you want to put it and they start to fight this thing and they fight through legislative bills and they fight it in the courts but to go on a little further. The local people raise \$300,000 to save this lake. The NRD puts \$228,000 into it. The federal government puts \$285,000 into it and a total of \$1.5 million has been spent to turn this lake into a recreation area and now that all of this has been done this man comes back and he says, "Aha! I want a third of it. I want a third of that and I want it for