

the Constitution and please pay attention, "The use of the water of every natural stream within the State of Nebraska is hereby dedicated to the people, not of the basin, but the people of the state for beneficial purposes subject to the provisions of the following section", and he quotes, "It is significant to note that the stated section refers to the use of water of every natural stream being dedicated to the people. Nothing in Article XV, Chapter 5, indicates or authorizes the limiting of the use of the water of every natural stream to be within a particular watershed", note that, "basin, or dedicating it to the use of the people living within the particular watershed basin. Quite to the contrary", says the Chief Justice, "the clear and unambiguous language constitutionally mandates that every use of every stream, regardless of its location, is dedicated to all of the people of the State of Nebraska regardless of their location and not just to those who happen to live within the confines of a particular valley or watershed basin. Nowhere in the Constitution can such limiting words be found". Now this is important. What I am trying to say is this, that the water within a basin is not dedicated only to those living within the basin but to the entire population of the State of Nebraska for beneficial use. Now having laid that foundation, it is my fear, and I have trouble with this, that LB 252 is counterproductive to the decision of the Supreme Court. The language as found on page 6, and Senator Beutler made reference to that, troubles me greatly. We there allude to language that says, "future reasonable use" and on and on like that. And I can see nothing but trouble ahead when and if such times that the Director of Water Resources says, I am going to allow the moving of water from one river basin to another river basin, and then look into that language and say, what do we mean by reasonable future needs within the basin? I can see nothing but trouble in there and I would like to reemphasize my opposition to the bill and my support of the kill motion that the water in the streams of the State of Nebraska belong to all of the people in the State of Nebraska, and I realize that perhaps it is well that the Legislature looks at some guidelines for the Director to use in making a determination. This bill...well, I am sure Senator Beutler did take a lot of time and drafted this proposal before us today. I feel that the Legislature as a whole has not yet had time to...some of us sit down together and give some guidelines that will give more thought than is given to this bill by the entire body. I am not saying that Senator Beutler did not give it thought, I know that he did. That is his makeup. He does a good job, but I cannot help but stand and oppose the bill and support the motion to indefinitely postpone. The Legislature has directed the Natural Resources Commission to have