

going to have water for a long time to come. If we don't, I will show you on these overlays there is an area...there are four areas in the state of Nebraska that we are going to lose about two million acres of irrigated land that is being irrigated now or that will be irrigated in the near future. If that happens, it is going to affect the entire economy of our state. My closing argument is that while we perhaps should give some guidelines to the Director if and when he appropriates water out of a stream, I don't think we are ready for that. I don't think we have addressed it. There are some of the issues that are in LB 252 that trouble me and trouble me greatly. I think we would need to be very careful that we do not bring about something that is counterproductive and swing largely to the interest of the basin of origin. I am willing to protect their water, but not to the extreme that we are going to shut the thing up, turn the faucet off and some of the areas that are going to be in deep trouble, and it's going to affect all of us, are going to run out of water. The issue is before us. I think we should kill this bill now and continue to have a look at it this summer. I have said that to Senator Beutler and I am willing to work with him. I don't think we have taken enough time. Therefore, I support strongly the motion to indefinitely postpone the bill at this point.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Before we take this final vote, in the north balcony I wish to introduce from Senator Lowell Johnson's area, forty-four 4th Grade students from Clarkson Elementary, Fremont, Nebraska, Miss Rosalie Rhodman and Mrs. Ginny Wojtkiewicz. I practiced on that for the last two hours. They are in the north balcony. We welcome you to the Unicameral. Where are you located? Okay. And from Senator Kahle and Senator Cope's District twenty students... 4th Grade students from Pleasanton Elementary School, Pleasanton, Nebraska, and Mrs. Sheryl Lammers is the teacher. And you are in the north balcony, and will you hold up your hands so we can see where you are. Okay. Welcome to the Unicameral. Senator Cope, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR COPE: I'm not sure. I thought you said that was my district. Senator Kahle...that's his District, Pleasanton.

SPEAKER MARVEL: It has Senator Kahle and Senator Cope on the sheet.

SENATOR COPE: Oh, okay, thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion before the House is the indefinite postponement of Senator Beutler's bill. All those