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Once it is developed, I think we will find that we have excess storage and at that time I would be hopeful that we might help Maurice Kremer out and get a little water over to Hamilton County. But I think we have got to store the water before we can use the water, and so I would just plead with this body that we leave this particular item in the list.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: Mr. Chairman and members, of course I support the second part of the Vickers amendment. As I stated before, this is the language that has bothered me the most. There is others too. I think that Senator Vickers put it very well when he said if you never want transbasin diversion, just leave this language in and you probably never will get it. I tried to emphasize how important it is that Nebraska in a wise way uses the water that is available to her, and if we don't, I can predict very clearly there is going to be sections in this state that are going to dry up as far as irrigated acres are concerned. It is so important to our state. Today the economy in our state is stabilized. Perhaps more than any other state. We are not suffering the unemployment and some of the adverse conditions that exist in our economy today just simply because of what we have in the State of Nebraska. Nebraska has very little in the way of natural resources except water, and we are very thankful for what we have. Now I again want to emphasize, it is my belief and my strong belief that if Nebraska wisely uses this water that we can survive any long period of drouth, although will affectus. Because of the tremendous amount of our agricultural land is devoted to irrigation, we are producing the principle food production for not only our nation but for the world, and we are going to play a big part in this in the future. Now why are we going to let water run out of this state when it could be used in the state. We are talking about water that will be diverted in most cases, I would say, surplus water, when there is plenty of it there and take it to an area that is short and store it there and you get a number of benefits. It will be a supplement to the use of groundwater for irrigation and it always recharges the underground system. I think we should strike this language and it will bring in balance to some extent at least what we are trying to do today as we give guidelines to the Director when he seeks to take care of an application to move water. So I strongly support the second part of the Vickers amendment. Senator Vickers put it very well and I support everything that he said.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Sieck.