

going to come back to haunt you. When we talk about "reasonably foreseeable" benefit, the benefit is not going to be a major consequence I think to sustain a few fish or a boat or two. I think you are going to have to look at something else and that something else is storage and development. And I think that if we are going to pass this bill, Senator Vickers and Senator Kremer have some very legitimate reasons to be concerned, if we adopt the dog in the manger attitude and say we are going to let that water flow on down the river unused. And so I am going to say again, I am going to oppose the Vickers amendment, but I am placing the challenge on this Legislature to do something about the storage problem which has gone totally unrecognized this session of the Legislature, and for all practical purposes the bill that is in the committee today is a dead bill. It is not going to be worth a darn on this floor or anything else. I think I take that as an inconsistency on the part of some of the Senators in this body.

SPEAKER MARVEL: From Senator Warner's District there were four 4th Grade students from Douglas Community School, Douglas, Nebraska, Miss Linda Nelson, teacher. Are you still there? Okay, welcome to the Unicameral. Senator Beutler, do you wish to be recognized, and then Senator Lamb.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I would also oppose this amendment. But Senator Vickers' and Senator Schmit's concerns are well taken, and we will have to try to see if we can accommodate them to some extent as this bill moves on, hopefully. But I would like to remind you and put one thing in perspective now, these factors that are listed here, 1 through 7, including the one we are debating right now, are factors to be considered. Remember that, they are factors to be considered. They have no absolute values put on them. If, for example, the Director sees that there is a beneficial use in the reasonable future of the basin of origin, he still may decide to transfer the water. That is one thing that is factored into all these 6 or 7 different economic, environmental concerns. So what you are talking about is whether he should look at that, whether he should consider that, or whether he should ignore that altogether, and I think it is a little bit difficult to suggest that that should be ignored altogether, especially in light of the simple facts that when people buy land, they buy it with the view to where the water is and to the possibility of bringing water to it. And there are a lot of people that might be hurt if you don't watch out for reasonably foreseeable interest. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Vickers, are you ready to close on