

because we have been given the assurance that most of Nebraska is water rich. This gentlemen brought out, just like EDA study brings out that we are simply going to have to shift some of this water and in no way do those of us out in the water poor areas feel like we want to steal from you that have plenty of water. However, unless something is done we are all going to suffer for it and especially those of us that are in areas where water depletion is taking place. I feel that the Vickers amendment not only this amendment but one that is on the desk too will bring in balance and will at least prohibit an attempt to delay and delay and delay to the extent that costs get out of line and perhaps we fail to move water at all. I think the Vickers amendments go a long way towards bringing in a balance. I want to warn against if we don't do this I can foresee that down the line Nebraska is going to experience some . . . some disappointing things are going to happen unless we are all willing to look at this as a family. I have predicted and I still predict that Nebraska has got a tremendous future but there are certain areas that are going to be in trouble unless we are willing to do something about it. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I'm going to oppose the amendment and this is one of the few times on water where Senator Kremer and I have kind of gone on a little slightly different direction and so I would like to give a little bit of background of how we even got the transbasin diversion, why we even have the legislation here. Remember it was the court that said, ah heck, you can have transbasin diversion. Everybody in the Legislature and across the length and breadth of the state thought, in their minds, no that is in violation of the Constitution, you can do 'er. You can't take Johnny DeCamp's water up there from the Niobrara or the Elkhorn or wherever and haul it down to Rex or Tom Vickers. Their water is theirs and you keep your hands off. The court said no, no, you can do 'er. Once they said you could do it you set up the question of what are the procedures and who decides whether Rex can come up and get my water. So that forced the Legislature into at least opening the door and taking the first step on setting kind of the rules and guidelines and that is what the Beutler bill does. It says, now Rex, if you want that water of John's up there you have got to come in and prove one heck of a case and prove that you are not hurting