

and to get as much water held in this state as possible so that we would have water to give to them.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I rise to support the amendment especially after Senator DeCamp used one of his favorite tactics. He gets up and says you are going to kill the bill. You are going to ruin the whole thing if you change it. John usually doesn't do this unless he really wants to make an impression, panic and scare people into thinking his way. The problem is the people say A has the water and really aren't using all of it and they have a surplus of water and the people down here B need some of it. So they would like to transfer some of the water out of A down to B, which is natural. So, John says that you don't want somebody in Lincoln to decide whether this should be done. Well now I ask you who else is going to decide? You sure as well are not going to have the people up in A decide to give the water to the people down in B. They are not going to do that. You know that. Because, if I was an A I sure wouldn't want to give any of it to B. But, I happen to be on this case down in B's area and we need the water. It goes down the river, flows down and nobody is really using it. Now we already have approval of the federal government back in 1922 to take water out of the south Platte and bring it down into Perkins County. We already have the authority to do this. I feel that in the very near future we are going to follow through on this and get some of this done. So, beings as we already have the authority to transfer this water, it isn't such a bad idea. If it was a good idea back then it is a good idea now. John says, let the courts decide. Well now you know how that works. Once you start something in court it can go on and on and on. So I'm willing to support Senator Vickers amendment. I'm glad to see Senator Kremer in support of this as I don't think there is anybody on this floor that is any more knowledgeable about water and its problems than Senator Kremer. I think the body would do very well if they would follow his leadership. So, I would ask that you support the Vickers amendment to LB 252. Thank you Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Sieck.

SENATOR SIECK: Mr. President, members of the body, again I think this is a lost cause. But, I do feel that we should look at the State of Nebraska and plan our water