

use over the State of Nebraska instead of each particular water way. I feel that we need to do this and the state water plan so designates that we do this. I'm kind of wondering whether we are not a little ahead of our time in introducing a bill of this type. We don't even have the state water plan developed completely and yet we are trying to set some guidelines. So, at the present time I will support the Vickers amendment, but I will be opposed to the bill if we don't get some corrections in the bill so that it will help the total state instead of just pushing of it. We need to look at the state as a whole, not at little entities, so to speak. So I will support the Vickers amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Vickers, do you wish to close on your amendment?

SENATOR VICKERS: Yes, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Chairman and members I think that maybe we need to recover some of the same ground that we covered last week on 252. First of all I want to make it clear that I am not necessarily for or against transbasin diversion. Although I think it is in the future, in the future in certain areas of the State of Nebraska I think it is a necessity and I think that it will probably happen, will come to pass. Senator Sieck just mentioned that perhaps this is a little ahead of time, this particular piece of legislation. The other day when we were discussing the kill motion on this bill I indicated that I was not in favor of killing the bill because I didn't think it was ahead of its time. It was ahead of its time as far as the state water planning process is concerned but it was thrust upon us by the reversal of the Supreme Court decision of 1936, this last summer, that said that transbasin diversion is in fact legal. Therefore, it is in our hands. We can not wait for any further studies or any further implementation of plans. I think that it is important that this body, the legislative body, the legislative branch of state government set down the criteria that transbasin diversion should follow. Now, having said that, it is true that I represent an area of the State of Nebraska that can certainly use some more water and has an application in right now for transbasin diversion. But I remind this body as I reminded you the other day that my district also goes to the Platte River. I also represent a water rich area. I think it is important that all of us recognize that our title is "State Senator" we are looking at the state in general, not each district. I don't think that we should look at it