

in balancing them against the other factors, not to make that factor the absolute factor. That is what they are doing. They are making that the absolute factor. I submit to you that 99 and 100 cases you will be able to find at least one beneficial use either in the present or in the reasonably foreseeable future. So it very definitely has the effect of prohibiting, in my opinion, transbasin diversions in almost all cases. Thank you.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator DeCamp. Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: Thank you Mr. President. Now we are swinging way way back in the other direction again. I think Senator Beutler picked it up right away. This is not a slight movement back in the other direction, it is a major movement. Now Senator Lamb made reference to Resolution 6, adopted by the High Plains Study Council. Some of us happen to be on that Council. What we are referring to there the basin of origin are the main stems, the Missouri River and the tributaries to the Missouri we are talking about Nebraska was not. . . that was not part of the resolution. We are talking about moving Missouri River water down into Texas. We are not making reference to streams within Nebraska we are making reference to larger river basins and that is what we are talking about in Resolution 6. I strongly oppose the Lamb amendment. I wish Senator Lamb you could have heard the lecture last night. I mentioned it before. You Senator Lamb live in the water rich area of the state and it was brought out last night that your aquifer thickness there is as great as 800 feet, that is almost unbelievable. Most of it is 400 to 600 feet. Now if I remember correctly the figures given last night were this. The areas of shortage represent 20% of all of the irrigated acres in Nebraska, that is in the Blue River Basin. Unless something can be done about that we are facing some very very serious problems that is going to effect not only that area but the entire state of Nebraska. Now I am willing to compromise and get back to a balance but the Lamb-Wagner amendment go far beyond balance and if we adopt this amendment there is going to be no movement of water and we are going to reap the consequences. Thank you.

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SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and members, I rise to strongly oppose the Lamb-Wagner amendment. I would also