

Insurance Company type development in the reasonable foreseeable future which would necessarily claim a lot of water and on that basis I think applications would probably have to be denied or surely would give the director the discretion to deny them under all circumstances if he were of that political philosophy. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. Speaker and members, this was drawn out a lot longer I think than any of us really want it to and I hate to even take up the time but I guess as I sit and listen to both sides of this issue and having been an irrigator and I think Senator Kremer and I have been at it about the same length of time, I know the value of water as well as anybody in here. Also remember the fight with tricounty some forty years ago when Adams County was not allowed to finish the canal that was already built. So I am familiar with what happens. I am quite amused really at the...at some of the people along the Platte, including the area that I represent part of it, they are very concerned about not letting that water get away but they are not even close to using it at the present time. Voted down the midstate project a couple of years ago quite soundly. I guess I think of other states and I think that transbasin diversion is absolutely necessary in some areas of our world. I think it is absolutely necessary for the City of Lincoln that it get water from the Platte Valley. I don't know how many of you are aware of that but that is a form of transbasin diversion. I'm not trying to shut Lincoln's water off or anything like that but I think that you ought to realize that we are already diverting water. It is necessary. The thing that really bothers me, and we spend I don't know how many hours the other day and we are spending a lot this morning arguing what we should do with the water. While we are arguing it runs away. The next step is of course that our Natural Resource Districts are suing each other or taking the issue to court and spending the tax payers money to do it while the water still runs away. Until we get smart enough, some of you mentioned dams, that is certainly part of the answer, we can't get any of those built either. Until we get smart enough to use that water for beneficial use whether it is in the basin or out of the basin we are just not getting anything done. We can argue here to doomsday and it is not going to grow one hill of corn or one plant of beans or anything else. So I would hope that we could. . . .I think this bill was ill advised in the first place. I think we are in the