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SENATOR KREMER: Well I can't understand this. I am trying to save money. There we got it.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 11 nays, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried and the amendment is adopted. Now the motion is the Kremer and the Schmit amendment as amended. Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I rise to oppose the amendment and again, explain the committee's recommendation. First the basis for the total appropriation to the Resource Development Fund and the Water Conservation Fund came out of the committee, it was 3.6 million which was the equivalent of the legislation that was introduced to earmark two cents of the existing cigarette tax and when that bill was indefinitely postponed I think the committee took the position that at least the equivalent of that amount ought to be put into the bill and that is the amount that is recommended to you. Now a couple of things have happened since then. I see from the press that the Natural Resources Commission has come up with a different priority, at least I presumed it was a different priority which I suppose in part is the basis for their support for requesting of additional funds. It is a little strange to me that some of those priorities drop, one of them drops down to seventh when it is 60% of the project is complete which is almost a million dollars. But it seems that a project that far along ought to have had a higher priority than some that they put up as a first priority that only has a 5% completion. They are only looking for \$47,000 for the '81-'82 year. Either you have to question a previous funding or something. There is adequate funds within the appropriation. You can take care of the first six priorities as identified by the Natural Resources Commission in their newest priority listing or as the committee recommendation there is adequate funds to take care of all those projects or which are more than 12% of the projected cost as has been identified and most of those projects with that amount or less generally are not going to receive that much funding this year or at least they are not going to be held back or that much this year if we do not increase the funding. And the bottom line of course just falls down to what the intent of the body is to stay within existing level of available revenue. If you will look on the back of your sheet there is approximately 3.8 million that is available within existing receipts for all A bills and for amendments. That is after the action has taken place for this. There