

safe in saying for the last five years some of us have tried to the best of our ability to put enough money in the water development fund so that Nebraska can do what we ought to be doing. I would like to give you some figures. The total continuation fund requests amount to \$3,798,738. Then we have the new start requests which amount to \$224,438. That is a total of \$4,023,176 is needed to move these projects along. Now the bill, the budget bill calls for a recommendation for a \$2,175,000 as Senator Warner has said for the fund. Currently we have only \$374,143 in unobligated funds. Therefore, if the budget is approved we will have \$2,549,143 to obligate to projects with a shortfall, is what I am bringing out, of \$1,474,000, almost a million and a half short. All we are trying to do is pick that up and I don't know how I can emphasize enough the importance of Nebraska making an investment in our future. Now I know it is tight. Senator Warner is right and I would have to agree with him. I really wonder if Nebraska would be wise in refusing even for the Board of Equalization to come up with a little more money through increasing it if that is what it is going to take, the income tax for the State of Nebraska, and if we don't, we are going to pay for it more than one way. It is imperative that Nebraska moves now. It takes a long time to get these projects completed I know but we've got to start some place and I repeat, to the best of my ability to emphasize the need for Nebraska to invest in her future and if we don't it is going to cost us a lot more by not doing something than it costs us if we do something. I somehow think that maybe we can squeeze through with the tax levies as they are but even if it takes an increase, I think we will be justified in going for an increase. We do that in all of our operations, whether it is on the farm, whether it is in business, whether it is in our professions. We spend what we have to spend to do what needs to be done and if we don't we are going to pay for it one way or another and probably cost a lot more by not doing what we should be doing than it costs us if we do what we want to be doing. I again, move for your consideration and move favorably in support of this amendment to 561 that is realistic, it is fair, we are trying to be honest and I think it will be a good investment for Nebraska. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the adoption of the Schmit-Kremer amendment as explained and Senator Kremer had closed. All those in favor of that motion vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? The vote is the adoption of the Schmit-Kremer amendment as explained. Have you all voted? Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: I would like to ask for four more votes. I will settle for three now.