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procedure. The reason that we couldn't get the bill to the floor is for the same reason that we saw just a moment ago when Senator Hoagland chose to tack on the committee amendments, one procrastination after another. I think it is time to send the bill to the floor. I hope you support myself and Senator Kremer. I defer to Senator Kremer.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: Thank you, Senator Schmit. Mr. Chairman, and members of the Legislature, I am not going to be long in closing. I would like to say this at the outstart, the comments have been made that this is a dangerous bill, it's a horrible bill, and on the other hand there has been some suggestions, at least, this is one of the most tremendous that has ever hit this Legislature. Somewhere in between it has to take its place. I have always said that no bill is as good as the proponents say it is and no bill is as bad as the opponents say that it is. We operate some place in between. Each one of us try to emphasize our points. The last draft of the bill does provide for a number of amendments to the original copy. Some of them are my own, some of them are amendments suggested by other members of the Legislature. Some amendments have been adopted. Some amendments have not been adopted. When this bill comes to the floor, it is not going to be easy, I know. What is happening here this morning is really a suggestion of what will happen when the bill gets up for discussion, and that's not all bad. I believe that what is indicated by your interest this morning indicates that we all have an interest in the managing of this tremendous resource that means so much to our state, and the reason that I am strongly supporting bringing the bill to the floor, let's all take a look at it and if it comes up for discussion we are all going to get a chance to do this. It may pass, it may not. I am sure it will be amended, that's good, that's proper. I do want to compliment all the members of the Public Works Committee. I am proud of everyone of them. Someone has once said that there is no major piece of legislation ever passed without controversy. It's always that way. What Nebraska is going to be doing in the next number of years is really undetermined. Whatever comes up, it's going to be tough going, just like it has been in the past. I believe in the number of bills introduced this year there has been something like 25 or 30, there has been about 15 or 16 to 18 Senators involved, which again demonstrates a deep interest. Therefore, I continue to believe we should all have the chance to look at what is happening and have an input in it.