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am personally willing to take out the language. Here it is, here is what we are striking, "taking into account the type of irrigation system being used." It does leave in the language, "to the extent reasonably possible". I move that we amend by striking the language that I just now quoted. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: Is there any discussion on the Kremer amendment? If not, the question before the House is the adoption of the Kremer amendment. All those in favor vote aye, all those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted on the Kremer amendment to 146? Record the vote. I voted aye.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Kremer's amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: Mr. Kremer's worried look there, he has still adopted the amendment.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have is from Senator Vickers. Senator Vickers would move to amend the bill: (Read Vickers amendment found on page 1791, Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and members, this amendment is also printed on page 1466 of the Journal. This is an amendment that I offered on General File to this bill and we discussed it a little bit then. There was several people excused and it wasn't adopted and, therefore, I feel incumbent on myself to attempt one more time to get this amendment adopted. I would like very briefly to discuss a little bit about water legislation and then the various philosophies in that regard. I think many people in the State of Nebraska are looking at us to give them the tools to address their concerns about water use in their area in the State of Nebraska. I think many members of this body have specific ideas as to how to address those concerns, and we discussed at length this morning some of the philosophy about how to address that concern and I certainly don't want to take away from anybody their concern in this area even though their philosophy may not agree with mine. I think it is our right and our privilege but what I am attempting to do here is to put some language in the statutes that local people can use through the Natural Resources Districts, if they so desire, to address the concern that I think is real in certain areas of this state and that area of the state is the Nebraska sandhills. Let me outline for you just a little bit about the situation as I view it at least in the Nebraska sandhills at the present