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that you give consideration to the subirrigation...to the subirrigated meadow situation which is very near and dear to the hearts of many ranchers out there. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator DeCamp. Senator DeCamp. The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? I do. All those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed nay.

CLERK: Senator Clark voting aye.

SENATOR CLARK: The question is to cease debate. Once more, have you all voted on ceasing debate? Record the vote.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 2 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: Debate is ceased. Senator Vickers, do you wish to close?

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President, members, I think it is pretty obvious that we are not going to do a whole lot with water legislation, at least with this piece of water legislation. When one member of this body stands up and says if you put on these amendments we are going to kill the bill I guess I understand where the power is in this body. That doesn't mean that I am going to bow down and give up, however. I think there are some legitimate differences of opinion. One of the things that was mentioned is that we are taking away landowner's rights. Well, I am a landowner and I don't think we are taking away anybody's rights. I think those people want to be able to control and look after their own destiny. That is what we are doing is giving it to them to do. We are not doing it from the state. We are allowing them to do it on the local level. There was also mentioned that the proponents of this amendment were those that opposed the water development fund increase. I think maybe somebody should check the vote record on that water development fund increase. I have always supported increased amounts of dollars for the water development fund. Now those that might support or vote for this amendment I have no control over what they support but I believe we should store more water in the State of Nebraska. I suppose if I wanted to be selfish about it I wouldn't do that because I come from a part of the state where we can't get the lakes or the dams that we have got full but I think we need to build more dams elsewhere in the State of Nebraska also. I take my title as "the State" seriously. I think we should look at the entire state. I will also point out that we don't have any wet meadows in my area right where I live but I do understand a little bit about