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and it is marked pro and con, and if you will notice, there is one on one side and one on the other all the way down through except the two on eleven and twelve, and those are the criteria based on whether or not the applicant is going to be using it for existing beneficial uses or instigating a new beneficial use. Both of those are a burden on the applicant. So in the end, it is leaned even yet toward the basin of origin. It is leaned even yet toward the basin of origin. Senator Beutler says I am moving toward the basin...requesting basin too much. The problem as I see it is when you are at two points and one person is clear over here next to one point, and somebody else goes in the middle, obviously that is more toward the other side. That is what I am trying to do is be right in the middle, in the center. Also on your desk you will find a letter on my letterhead indicating that today's devotion out of the Guidepost book my wife and I read each morning, when I read it this morning, I thought, aha, I think they are talking...I find this quite often. I think all of us that probably read devotions do, we find, well, now that is really affecting us in our daily life. The last sentence I would like to read to you.

SENATOR CLARK: You have one minute.

SENATOR VICKERS: The last sentence says, "I can help be a good steward with the riches God has given us. After all God has given us abundance not to squander but to cherish." The final thing on your desk, a map showing the red and blue, the declines in the State of Nebraska. Also a large area of blue that shows the rise. The rise in the aquifer is because of the surface water that has been put on the top. The declines, you will notice, are areas where you are going to have to take water out of one basin and put it in another. Many people in this body have stood up and said I support and they have said so by putting more dollars into the development fund. I support developing. I support dams. I support this sort of thing. Yet, what good is it going to do to build those developments, what good is it going to do to hold back that water, if you don't put that water where it will do some good. Senator Kremer's area, Senator Kremer so aptly pointed it out a little bit ago. If we really want to look at the State of Nebraska, if we really want to look at the entire state, and I will remind you...

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Vickers, your time is up.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. Chairman, I would like to have unanimous consent to have another minute, if I may.

SENATOR CLARK: No, I am not going to allow anyone any more