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LB 252

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and members, I also urge the body's adoption of the Kremer amendment and it would indicate that this is a substantial amendment it seems to me. I think that any time the Legislature puts in its intent language, that it can have substantial impact. It seems to me that legally what we are saying is I think to an attorney and I think Senator Beutler knows this, that substantial does mean something and that we are making quite a judgement decision right there. So obviously I can understand the feeling of this body on this issue. I would make one final comment, however. It was mentioned a minute ago by my good friend Senator Wagner that in good faith, if members would stop putting amendments on this bill, but I think in good faith to my constituents and good faith to the people of the State of Nebraska, I think that Senator Kremer and Senator Sieck and myself and others that are interested should be interested and attempt to amend this bill in a fashion that we think would be logical and even to all people in the State of Nebraska, but I do support this amendment and would hope that Senator Kremer's leadership in the water area would be recognized at least on this amendment, if not on some of the others that we have offered on this bill.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, the purpose of the intent language was simply to make a distinction between interbasin transfers and uses of water within the basin and its purpose was not to browbeat the basin of transfer and I think that Senator Kremer's amendment is reasonable and I have no objections to its adoption.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kremer, we recognize you to close on your amendment to the Beutler amendment.

SENATOR KREMER: Only this closing, Mr. Chairman and members, at the first impulse as you read this you may feel that it is not important but I am talking about headlines. Most people read the headlines and not the contents of a certain article in a newspaper and the headlines generally will determine what the impression of the reader may be as he reads the entire article. Headlines are important. What we are dealing with here is headlines. You get the impression that if water is moved out of a basin into another basin at any time it can have really some catastrophic results on that basin. It suggests that and that is what it does and this is why I moved to have it removed. I think it is important. I move the amendment, Mr. Chairman, that we vote to adopt this proposed amendment to the Beutler amendment to LB 252.