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Association. You ought to see the bill. I referred to it....I mean the film, I referred to it the other day. One of the things it emphasizes is this, the minute you build a project, automatically recreation jumps in and you cannot determine how much is recreation, no matter how you plan. And I can see only a challenge coming out of every project based on litigation in an attempt to try to stop this project, and if we do, it is going to delay and delay any project. The costs are going to go up and many projects will fail. This is my problem. This is my problem. I agree with Senator Schmit, we should emphasize the storage of water for flood management and for underground water development, and for the use of water out of these systems. I think we are heading for real trouble. I want to ask you this, who makes up most of the boards of directors in the Natural Resource Districts that have the responsibility of building these reservoirs? Most of them are made up of rural people, farmers, and you think that they are going to deliberately take land away from a neighbor of theirs unless it is justified. There are a number of projects in Nebraska now that are being planned that are going to be in real trouble. And I want you to be alert to that. Now if we mean business....

SENATOR CLARK: You have one minute left.

SENATOR KREMER: I will take 30 seconds. If we pass this bill and my predictions could be wrong, but I believe they are right, no matter what comes up in the way of a project it is going to be litigated. It is going to delay and many projects will fail. Were it not for that fact, I would agree with Senator Schmit a hundred percent, but I am going to alert you again we are headed for trouble. So I ask of you that once again you vote so we do not have quite enough votes. I will give you 23 even 24, but let's stay away from 25. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Sleck.

SENATOR SIECK: Mr. President and members of the body, I feel we have special legislation here. I feel that this is special legislation. It is earmarked for the Oliver Project. It is no way approaching the Willow Creek at the present time. There is an amendment on the bill that says the 500 acre or over is eliminated. Well that puts the Willow Creek out because it is a 600-acre project. And many letters are received from individuals, we're from Pierce, Nebraska opposing that project because of the eminent domain that was taking place, and supporting 243. They are not going to gain anything from this bill. They are