

20% of the entire expenditures of the Water Development Fund thus far. Now if you feel, as a member of this Legislature that it is good judgment to expend 20% of the Water Development Fund and all of you know that I have stood on this floor for many years and attempted to increase that amount of money, the money that is in that development fund time after time. But if you think it is good business to spend 20% of that on a recreation project in one area and ignore the needs of the rest of the state, then you would support the Haberman amendment. Now let me tell you one more thing. In order to justify the recreation benefits that they expect to achieve from this we had to borrow residents from Colorado and Wyoming. Now I think that is a little far-fetched, don't you? That we should be going into Colorado and Wyoming and be worried about providing recreation for those two states when we all know they have many, many times as many recreational facilities as we have in this state. I think we ought to take care of our own needs first. When they did the study out there to determine what might possibly be lacking in recreational facilities for that part of western Nebraska, it was the determination of the local officials that they might be deficient in a few miles of hiking trails. Now, ladies and gentlemen, as I have said I have walked, ridden, flown, done everything except swim across the State of Nebraska and there is hundreds of thousands of miles available for hiking. You can hike any darn place you please trail or no trail. So I don't think that is a major deficiency. What I am saying is that my own Natural Resource District Board supports LB 243. Do you know why they support it? Because they have projects, flood control projects, they have conservation projects that are not being taken care of because they have not been awarded development fund money. We have a project, Bone Creek that has been on the books for many, many years, Skull Creek which we have hoped to develop for a long while, Rawhide Creek in Senator Johnson's territory waiting for funds. Senator Neil Simon was here this morning. Do you remember? I'm sure some of you do when there was a flood up there and inundated a large portion of his district, the King Lake area. There was an attempt to get some funds for that project to protect homes and lives. I flew in there with a helicopter and picked up people who were stranded, who would have at least gotten their feet and their bodies wet and lost some of their possessions if we had not taken them out of there and we are spending money \$900,000, 20% of the total expenditure to provide recreation for Colorado and Wyoming residents. I think we want to remember one more thing. If this bill had been law when the project had started the farmer would not have lost his land. I want to say one more thing. I'm afraid I am going to run out of time pretty soon but the Montana Legislature on April 17, 1981, adopted a resolution and I will read it