

said, "Nebraska is going to adopt the doctrine of reasonable use." Now that is fine. Everybody has access to water as long as they use it reasonably. Now that is fine until we start running out of water or we're short of water, then we are going to have to give to our doctrine of correlative rights. That is a California rule and most of the western states are going that direction and what LB 375 does, it takes us into the doctrine of correlative rights which means this. That everyone, urban, rural, no matter what, you have a right to use that water but when the time gets short we're going to divide it up and divide it up equally with the exception that the public need or domestic need always comes number one. That is understandable. My time is up, I know so that is all for now.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Chairman, since I have signed my name to this piece of legislation I will defer some of my time to Senator Schmit if he has any additional remarks he wants to make prior to amendments accepted on this piece of legislation.

PRESIDENT: Senator Schmit or Senator Kremer, either one of you, Senator Koch has allowed you to use any time that you would like to use of his time.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well I will take a portion of the time and then defer again to Senator Kremer. Thank you, Senator Koch. I appreciate Senator Koch's addition of his name to the bill. I know that he had some concerns about the original language. I think if you will review the original language, you will understand that we have made every reasonable attempt to meet the objections that were expressed both at the public hearing and through other contacts we have had. Now I have been reviewing the proposed amendments which are on my desk. I have not had a chance to review all of them but I have reviewed seven or eight or nine of them and I'm sure there will be additional ones. I do not want anyone to say that I would not accept any amendments but I want to ask you to seriously look at every amendment which is being offered to see if the amendment is going to enhance and improve the bill. Now anyone of us can play the game of adding amendment after amendment after amendment. Very frankly I do not believe that this Legislature will accept that method of operation. That game can be played by one or by many. There is a difference in the philosophy of some of us relative to whether or not water should be utilized for irrigation. I happen to believe that it should be and I believe that it reflects the thinking of most thinking solid Nebraskans. Nebraska has been enhanced greatly as an agricultural