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LB 375

SENATOR CLARK: Have you all voted? Once more, have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 11 ayes, 21 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of the Vickers amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: The amendment lost. The next amendment to Section two.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Vickers would move to amend Section two: "Page 5, strike lines 9 through 13."

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and members, another amendment that has a considerable impact and I would suggest to you that this probably has as much impact in my opinion of any of the other amendments that at least I have introduced or plan to introduce as it relates to LB 375 or as it relates to water legislation in the State of Nebraska. You all should have on your desk a copy of a couple of letters from two natural resources districts in this state, one the Upper Republican and one the Twin Platte. They are under my initials and I'm sure you've probably all got copies of this letter in your offices also. If you will notice in both of these letters, in the one from the Upper Republican Natural Resources District on the first page it indicates that this Board of Directors is opposed to the allocation per irrigated acre being put in the statutes. Even though they've got a control area in that area in that district and they are allocating on the basis of irrigated acre but they are indicating that it would vary across the state and that the local board should be the one that should make that determination as to how they allocate those waters. Twin Platte, the letter from Twin Platte indicates basically the same thing. Also, and I don't know whether you all got copies of the letter or not but I got a copy of a letter from Gerald Apts the President of Lindsay Manufacturing Company who happens to manufacture Zoomatic sprinklers and I quote from this letter. He urges my support for the irrigated concept and he says, "the requiring the water to be allocated on the basis of an irrigated acre will assure that our water users take advantage of available water conservation practices and equipment." Well I don't think and I understand his reasoning for doing this. It's very clear. If we allocate, if we put into the statutes that the only way you are going to allocate that water is by the irrigated acre concept and we, certain areas of this state then decide that they are going to allocate water based, maybe fifteen inches per year and

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