

Senator Kremer talked about a 40 year problem. I cannot see why anyone would oppose putting in a minimum aquifer life goal of 30 years. It is not nearly what I would like but perhaps it is something that this body could adopt. One final comment, Mr. President, and then I will be done. Now, Senator Peterson, in your remarks earlier you talked about the possibility of sizeable dams all over this state as a solution to the water problem. Now that is another misconception that is being peddled by the people in the lobby right along with the misconception that LB 375 is the greatest bill since sliced bread. There are many, many areas of the state where we simply cannot build sizeable dams because there is not the feeder water for those dams, Senator Peterson. Let's take specifically the Enders Reservoir problem out on the Upper Republican Natural Resource District. That was a federally funded multimillion dollar project, a reservoir built between about 1948 and about 1953 to capture water coming out of Colorado from the Frenchman's Creek. Because of center pivot systems out there, over 3000 additional pivots have been installed in the last five years, why the Frenchman's Creek is drying up and the Enders Reservoir is drying up and that sizeable dam of the very sort that Senator Peterson is advocating is shortly going to be of no use because there is not enough water to fill the thing up. That illustrates the fact that in many arid and semiarid parts of the state there is not enough rainfall, not enough runoff to even begin to construct reservoirs.

PRESIDENT: One minute, Senator.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: So that is not going to solve the problem, Senator Peterson. We have got to also effectively manage our groundwater reserves. This amendment would be a small step towards doing that and I ask its adoption. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The motion is the adoption of the Hoagland amendment to the amendment to LB 375 by Schmit and Kremer. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. There is a request for a record vote. It shall be done. Record the vote.

CLERK: (Read the record vote as found on page 376 of the Legislative Journal). 6 ayes, 26 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the Hoagland amendment.

PRESIDENT: The motion fails. The amendment to the amendment fails. Ready for the next amendment, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment is by Senator