

which has very diligently been working towards trying to solve the water problems out there. Those people have sent us a letter unanimously saying that LB 375 is not a good bill so don't be caught up in the sweep here today, don't be caught up in the fact that we were able to get one amendment through. There are a whole variety of problems with the bill. I would ask you to please read those letters and please be very skeptical that this is going to contribute to a long range problem...solution in Nebraska's water problems because I adamantly feel that it is not going to. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Kremer, did you wish to close on advancement?

SENATOR KREMER: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, I attempt to point out some reasons why this bill is important and why it is necessary at this time. First of all, I would like to address several remarks made by Senator Hoagland. I would point out that there were only two of the twenty-four Natural Resource Districts from which I received any mail opposing this bill. On the other hand, I have heard others say and the Association say that in light of the many things they have to do, this bill, they do not need to take a definite stand on it. We have got more important things to do. We tried to the best of our ability I think, or mine at least, and I am sure others that have been involved to bring before you a bill that is reasonable and it will be a tool to deal with water problems in Nebraska. Now I would like to share with you why I think and others think that this bill is important. First of all, a number of you were present for the dinner provided by the Ag Council at the Legionnaire's Club last night and heard Senator Zorinsky make several very, very important statements. Among them he said this, that at the federal level and all across our country water is an issue that is going to have to have attention because of the seriousness of the thing that we are facing in the future and I tried to lay before you yesterday a reproduction of headlines. They are screaming clear across this country. Senator Zorinsky went on to say this, that the feds today are wanting and willing to have the states take care of their own water problems but because of the seriousness of it if they did not the feds would step in. Now if any who were there and feel that I have misstated in trying to quote Senator Zorinsky, tell me but I think this is what he said. Okay, I would like to address further or bring to your attention simply because there are those in this country that feel that someday we are going to bring water down from Canada and take care of the serious water needs we have in this country, I have here in my hand