

a copy of the November-December issue of the Upper Midwest Report whereby some important people in Canada are quoted as saying you guys down there in the United States just kind of forget the idea of getting any Canadian water because you are not going to get it. We are going to need it all ourselves. That is out. To move water from some of the main stems into these water short areas is going to be impractical. We talked about that before in the Ogallala study. It is going to cost from six to eight hundred dollars an acre foot to move it so that is out. So what do we need? In our state, the State of Nebraska, we need to give some tools to somebody, a good plan and a method by which we can manage our water. Now the idea of restricting the use of water is simply not going to come in Nebraska as such. I wish all of you could be close enough so you could see this map that I hold in my hand. It is a map put together by the U. S. Geological Survey and supported by what the Ogallala study has brought out. Now this map, and you can come to my desk, I will show it to you, I will be glad to show it to you, it is color coded and if you can see from where you are the color you will note, Nebraska here at the top, most of it is green and even purple. What this color code means is that we have the most abundant supply of water of any of the states from the Dakotas on south into Texas. That means we do have water and believe me some of it is yellow where I am at, and I talked about that before, that means you don't have a lot of water, that means only one thing, that we have water and it is the only resource we really have. We do not have coal. We do not have natural gas. We do not have oil like other states do, like these other states do. So what do we have? We have got water and, believe me, it is going to be used and I doubt if it is practical or even feasible to attempt to do that so...

SENATOR CLARK: You have thirty seconds for the advancement of the bill.

SENATOR KREMER: Oh, my, I need another thirty minutes. Okay. So we have the water. Now we believe that this is another tool now we can use. We passed LB 577 that allowed the NRDs to go under control. We set up the NRD organization. That is grass roots. That is what the people want and we have got that. Okay, most NRDs have not taken advantage of going under control so here is another tool they can use. They can use a water management system and I think it is going to work. With these two tools, I think Nebraska can take care of its water and I think we are going to, if the whole world hangs together, we are going to come forth as the greatest agriculture state in all the United States of America. I move that we advance LB 375 to E & R.