

in produce and productivity in some cases. We have made dramatic changes and some of those changes are destroying the last major dramatic changes we made, the trees. That's right. And the trees, Senator Vard Johnson, the trees destroyed the rolling beauty that was there fifty and sixty years ago. We put most of those shelterbelts in during the depression. We put them in when we didn't have irrigation. We put them for another purpose and there were complaints at that time that they were destroying the beauty of the rolling landscape. It is a fact of life that any time...

PRESIDENT: One minute, Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: ...that any time you want to attempt something new to make progress, that it is laden with risks because the whole word "progress" implies making a change. The idea is that you do it in such a fashion that the risk is worth taking because the benefits are so great. Well I think we have seen the benefits and we've seen some errors and we're correcting them, but please, as you would on the death penalty, look at the real facts rather than an emotion on it, try to walk a mile in our shoes up there and realize that we have gone from an area that used to be poverty ridge to an area that is now prosperity ridge in most cases. I would urge you to reject advancement of the bill and try 375 on for a couple of years.

PRESIDENT: I recognize Senator Koch. All right, Senator Koch, thank you. Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, as you probably know I represent most of the sandhill area, a lot of subirrigated meadows and I have a deep feeling for that area of the state. It will be very easy for me to vote for this bill, why nobody in my district would complain if I voted for this bill. Over the last twenty years I have probably attended more water meetings than anyone in this body except Senator Kremer. I'm vitally interested in that great resource. I could vote for this bill and nobody in my district would complain one bit and some people would really praise me today. Today they would do that but I have to look down the road to what this bill really does. You know up there in the Sandhills area you have some of the most independent people in the world. Those are the people that do not want government regulation. Those are the people that do not want government telling them what they should do whether it's how many cattle they are putting on their land, where they are going to put their fences, how they are going to take care of their land. They feel very strongly about that and now we have a few people up in that area who are