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to do is talk about it, we just as well save the money we put in the entire agency and wipe it out and then go back home and tell our constituents that we don't think water is important, we've got lots of it, and all we've got to do is sit here and watch it go down the Missouri River, and the Platte, the Elkhorn, and trickle on down to the salt water oceans. That's not, in my estimation, good husbandry of water. But, ladies and gentlemen, we are misleading the people if we do not do something substantive to conserve, protect and enhance one of Nebraska's most valuable resources. So I probably won't vote for the bill, but I will vote for the amendment and I have no real deep compassion about the bill. I don't think it's going to help very much, it might not hurt anything, it might help something. Thank you very much.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Dierks, would you care to close on your amendment?

SENATOR DIERKS: Yes, Mr. Speaker, only to say that I wish you'd move this amendment on, attach the amendment to the amendment and move the bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Those in favor of the adoption of the Dierks amendment to the Scofield amendment to LB 710 please vote aye, opposed nay. Record.

CLERK: 23 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Dierks' amendment to Senator Scofield's amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The amendment is adopted. Senator Scofield, would you care to make a statement on your amendment as amended?

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Well, since we've got an amendment to, I'll just briefly summarize now. This is essentially what the bill will become. We will appropriate \$25,000 to the Nebraska College of Law to conduct this study which will be a focus on the constitutional, and particularly interstate commerce issues relative to a state's ability to control water transfers. And the date that Senator Dierks has added to that would be it would be completed by December 1 of this year. And, with that explanation, I would ask you to adopt the amendment and then the bill.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Is there discussion? If not, the question is the adoption of the Scofield amendment. All in favor vote aye,