

water being spread across the landscape and take for granted that it's that way across Nebraska, and it isn't that way across Nebraska at this time. The times have not changed measurably from last week at this time when we first discussed the 50 million. I also know it's easy for those of us that get up every day and drive across the country and see the bare fields and to perhaps overreact to the fact that we're not going to have as much agricultural income this year, there's always hope, hope springs eternal and perhaps we're going to see better times and it will rain inches and inches. Somewhere between these two is what I think reality is and reality is that we're going to need to save some money as we...there's constant pressure at this time on the Governor to do more for drought aid, even across the country, it's even going to be more pressure across the country to do something. Two hundred and some counties declared a drought disaster area across the country. It just seems prudent to me to reserve some of this money, that might be one of the things that's most appropriate that we can actively do is to reserve some of this money for the tougher times that probably will lie ahead. I am going to do a little research and I will be making a point of this on the floor before we adjourn about the amount of water. I think a lot of us have put a lot...not necessarily me but a lot are putting a lot of credibility into the fact that we have irrigation in Nebraska and that our crops are not going to be affected appreciably. But I have heard several releases in the last week where we're going to have probably three-quarters of the water available in many areas that has been available in the past simply because of water draw down. So as we face some of these issues it just seems to me prudent to at least consider this as part of our repertoire over the next three or four days that we have got. That means not bracketing at this time. Let's continue it on Select File and it will be at least one area that we can look at, one part of our menu that we can look at between now and Wednesday to consider. Let's don't throw it down the drain now, let's oppose this bracket and at least consider 40 million for the time being.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Further discussion? Senator Abboud.

SENATOR ABOUD: Mr. President, I support a cash reserve fund, a rainy day fund that has been discussed in the past. Unfortunately, this particular amendment is not a cash reserve fund. I believe the intent of this particular amendment has