

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President, and members of the body, just a few brief statements. I commend Senator Rod Johnson for bringing this resolution to us. I can recall the first time that I became acquainted with Senator Kremer was right after I was elected to the Legislature, and the Public Works Committee held a public hearing in Wayne, Nebraska, and he personally called me, and he says since you have been elected, I would like to have you attend this water hearing. And, of course, I was delighted to go and he made me feel very comfortable at this hearing. He introduced me to all of the other members of the committee and I am very grateful for that, for my first experience with Senator Kremer, and I just wanted to share that with this body.

PRESIDENT: Senator Lamb, please.

SENATOR LAMB: Yes, Mr. President, and members, Senator Kremer was a special friend of mine. I served on the Public Works Committee when Senator Kremer was Chairman, and when I first came into the Legislature, he was a real mentor for me, and it is with a deep sense of loss that I lose a personal friend.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Warner, please, followed by Senator Schmit.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, and members of the Legislature, I, too, would like to express my feelings for the passing of Senator Kremer, and more importantly, equally as important to express my gratitude for what he has contributed to the State of Nebraska. My experience, as others have indicated when they first met Senator Kremer, by chance after each of us were elected in 1962 we happened to walk into the Statehouse together, which was our first meeting, and from that a friendship grew and developed as was true with everyone, I am sure, that had an opportunity to know Maurice. But there are few that I have served with who would match his sincerity and his humbleness for the responsibilities that those of us who have the privilege to serve in public office should possess. And, certainly, he is one that needs to go down in the history of this state as having made many outstanding contributions, not only in the policies and issues that he became involved in, but simply because of the kind of a person he was and the kind of a model he can and ought to serve for those of us who also have the privilege of being in public office.