

prescribed releases by the FERC order as an interim measure prior to action on the districts' applications for long-term licenses; and WHEREAS, the prescribed flows will impact recreational and fish and wildlife usage of Lake McConaughy as well as power production and irrigation needs in the Central Platte area of Nebraska; and WHEREAS, clarification of the order could assist the districts in minimizing potential impacts; and WHEREAS, water losses in the North Platte river which will inhibit delivery of water for instream use to the Grand Island gauge are unknown; and WHEREAS, the FERC order will create conflicts with existing contracts and water rights of long standing along the Platte River. Now, therefore, be it resolved by the members of the Ninety-first Legislature of Nebraska, Second Session: That the districts are required to file with the FERC a petition for rehearing or in the alternative a request for clarification of the February 14, 1990, order, and, two, that the FERC is requested to stay execution of the order and to expedite its consideration of any petition for rehearing or clarification as well as consideration of the districts' application for new long-term licenses for their projects. And, three, that the Nebraska Department of Water Resources and other appropriate state and local agencies including the Game and Parks Commission and Natural Resources Districts are directed to provide any information available which assists FERC in determining the potential impacts on power production and irrigation resulting from the February 14, 1990, order as well as assistance in determining potential losses in river flows which may inhibit delivery of water for instream use to Grand Island." That is the basic resolution that is intended to be sent to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and all affected districts and entities for assistance and to show that the Nebraska Unicameral is very concerned about the impact upon basic power production, irrigation use, and recreation use of this water and how it will be seriously impacted by the order. If there are any questions about any of the whereases, or therefore be it resolveds, I would be happy to try to answer them, and I would ask for your support in passage of LR 289.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Is there discussion? Senator Nelson.

SENATOR NELSON: Mr. Speaker, I certainly want to commend Senator Elmer for bringing this to the body. I hope that all of you listened intensely and I know that it was difficult for him to mention all of the concerns and all of the problems. This is