

serious, and, as all of you know, is particularly in the drought years and any quantity of water whatsoever released from McConaughy or so on, not only the power but to be available for irrigation. I don't think they have exactly said what quantity of water or I don't think they know exactly what they are asking for to protect some of the wildlife or so on that they are asking for, but if we start doing this, we could very readily find ourselves in the middle of an irrigating season without a quantity of water or without any water, and this is not a simple little order and, again, I look at it as if we don't stand up and be counted, I guess my favorite saying is a little old lady in New York will take care of it for us, and so I certainly do commend Senator Elmer and I hope that all of you support it.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Morrissey, further discussion.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Mr. Speaker, and members, when Senator Elmer brought this resolution to me, I really didn't know what to do. I read it over pretty good and I ended up signing onto it, basically, because it is another example of the federal government issuing down an order from high above and saying, here you go, folks, live with it, without considering the consequences it has and the impact it has on the local folks in the area. So I would support Senator Elmer's resolution. I think it is good that we ask these folks to, hey, wait a minute, slow down a little bit, take another look at this, and consider and get input from the local people, from the local associations, the water associations, et cetera, and try and really find out what the long-term, short-term, long-term impacts of this decision you have made is on the people downstream, the local residents on the water rights that have been in place for so long. So I think it is good for us to ask them to take another look at this and ask for input from the local groups, and possibly, not for sure, possibly change your decision, and, hopefully, for sure clarify their orders and let the people downstream and the people in Ogallala that are concerned about the reservoir know more clearly what the results of this decision will mean. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Schmit, please.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, and members, this resolution has been written and rewritten and written again and again and again in an attempt to satisfy the concerns and avoid the criticisms of many persons. I support the resolution. I believe it is