

1920, that most of the people in this state lived in cities, 63 percent lived in communities less than 2,500. The reverse is true today. So we're talking about, Senator Schrock and Senator Owen Elmer talk about a comprehensive plan. We're talking about 1919, 1920, that's the first date mentioned just like it was yesterday, people, just like it was yesterday. The next date is 1967. Then we get up to the recent date of 1972 and 1984. We're really getting into the modern time and it's really a hodgepodge of things that we have. We do not have a comprehensive water plan. And what they're saying in the last statement is that in order to provide a clear direction to state and federal agencies which may take...affect such waterways. We really do not have a water plan in this state. We have passed some things. The state has changed over the years and I think one of the directions I think given by our Chairman of the Natural Resources Committee is what we're going to do next year is to look at a water plan because there's things missing in it. We're going back to ancient, ancient time with this resolution and so I rise to oppose pulling this resolution out of committee. I think another thing that should have been, if we're really going to look at it, Senator Owen Elmer should, and the agencies representing outside, who is kind of like hire all the lobbyists bill, or resolution, but they should have brought a bill so we could amend it and maybe make it a little better than it is right now, but I simply rise to oppose it. It simply does not talk about cities or anything else in our water plan and most of the people now in this state live in cities and they may be shut out by the irrigators because in 1920 the irrigators were the ones, and if you read the constitutional amendment, the comments of people at that time, were the ones that controlled the thing and it looks like today that will happen and still happen today. If there's any time left, Senator Baack, I'd like to give the rest of my time to Senator Morrissey.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Morrissey, you have about two minutes.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Senator Hartnett and Mr. Speaker and members. I agree with much of what Senator Schrock said. One thing I don't agree with is, he said we do have a large body of water law out there so let's call it our state plan. We also have a large body of tax law out there. Should we now just have a resolution and call our existing tax law our comprehensive state tax plan? I don't think so. But many things I do agree with. Senator Schrock said the resolution is simply saying that farmers have water rights and that is true, they are saying