

going to stop the FERC from doing that? I certainly didn't hear that in the committee that's it's going to stop them from doing that. What it does seem to be talking about is that we want to go to Washington and tell the FERC, you want us to have a comprehensive water plan? Fine, we'll pass a resolution we've got a comprehensive water plan. And we put people in prison, that must mean we've got a comprehensive prison plan, and so we must not have any problem with overcrowding in our prisons. It seems to me that we sat for a long time in the committee, that we listened to the debate, that we paid attention to what the people had to say about why they needed it, and I don't think there is any question that we recognize that agriculture is the most important industry in the State of Nebraska. I don't think we deny that irrigators need to have rights to water, but I think the confusing part is when we get together and say, because we have water laws, that we have a comprehensive water plan, and now we can go to Washington and pretend that all of a sudden we've developed this comprehensive water plan that is going to solve all of our problems, that we're going to protect the environment, that we're concerned about instream flows, that we're concerned about habitat, and that all of these things are taken care of because the 49 state senators in this body got together one day and decided that all of a sudden we had a comprehensive water plan. I think the FERC is going to look at us and think we're a little bit silly, and I think we're going to look silly to the rest of the residents and citizens of the State of Nebraska when we all of a sudden decide we've accomplished something when we haven't worked on it. It doesn't make a lot of sense. I hear that there is not hidden agendas in this but it seems to me that this is going to promote litigation,...

SPEAKER BAACK: Time.

SENATOR HORGAN: ...that it's going to continue...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute, excuse me.

SENATOR HORGAN: It's going to continue on with the fight between the environmentalists and agricultural interests and the power district and what we ought to do is settle the issue and get together and the people from NPPD, talk about this issue can be settled and can be negotiated, and that you don't have to be so unyielding and unbinding in your position and, indeed, passing this resolution is only going to dig in the heels of the