

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: Debate has ceased. We will now go to Senator Elmer to close on your motion.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senator Jacklyn Smith has asked for 30 seconds or so.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you. I'll talk really fast. I just want to say that there is no hidden agenda here. There's only a concern that the time has come to proceed with the relicensure of Kingsley Dam. We understand there is a need to serve all the interests including the environmentalists, but we have to be realistic about how we serve those needs, and when we talk about being really worried about our drinking water supplies, Senator Morrissey, I can't understand how you equate that with what has gone on for 50 years. We have drinking water. This resolution is not going to harm our drinking water supply nor would the relicensure of Kingsley Dam harm that. Senator Schrock has more than adequately talked to us about the environmentalists' concerns being met and more than met by the growth of the population of the wildlife in the area. What it comes down to in the end is the need for the water for the basic needs that we have in this state for the economy of Nebraska, which is agriculture. Irregardless of what we say about the population being in this part of the state, we still depend upon agriculture. We've got to have the water to produce the grain that will equal the economy, the basis, the stabilization for what we need in this state, and I think that we have. I understand we have to have some time to address the concerns of the environmentalists. I think that they have been being met and there has to come a point in time when you become realistic about what can you do with the water and what are the real needs that are out there. I can say more, but I'm going to give it back to you because it's your closing time. I just ask, please be sensible about the fact that we ought to have some time to have this on the floor to discuss as a body. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Smith. You have about three and a half minutes yet, Senator Elmer.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you very much. I don't have time to bring