

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Elmer's amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: The amendment is adopted. Anything further on the resolution?

CLERK: Nothing further on the resolution, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: We will now have discussion on advancement of the resolution as amended. Senator Morrissey.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. I quickly wanted to state a few points. I am glad we were able to compromise on the resolution. I still won't be voting for it and I still think it is not a good way to do our business. I think if we wanted to do something like this, a legislative bill should have been introduced and should have gone through the entire process of hammering out the differences in committee and on the floor on the three stages of debate as opposed to one. But I made a handout to you just to highlight one of my continuing concerns and, again, my concerns are not as strong as they were when we talked comprehensive plan, and my handout talked about a Grand Island water study and the effects of instream flows on the water supply of Grand Island, Nebraska, and the hydraulic connection between surface water and groundwater. My concern is that, not necessarily that FERC might not adopt this as a water plan, but that they might. I will never put anything past the federal government, what they will do and how it affects us. So they, conceivably, could accept this although the language has been changed since to lessen my concerns there, to make them more aware of the changing fluctuating state of our water concerns. In many of the issues we need to address, I would have been more comfortable having been able to list some of those out, but with the recent problems in North Platte, with, I believe it was North Platte with the contaminated water from underground storage tanks, and the problem list, problems and potential problems and connections listed here, I am still uncomfortable with moving forward with LR 27. I think if we are concerned about drinking water and, in our statutes, it does say municipal use shall have preference over other uses, but yet the municipal wells have no seniority, if you will, because there is no connection...connection made, and because there has been no provisions allowed for the drinking water wells to have