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LR 27

has been the best thing for us, and the same thing is the power source. So, you know, all of the pros and cons, but I just wanted to tell you that the water in the Grand Island well field is down in the second layer and, at that depth, that water is very pure at this time, and I would expect it to be that way. So I will be supporting or at least, at this point, I think I will be supporting the resolution.

**SPEAKER BAACK:** Thank you, Senator Nelson. Anyone else wishing to discuss the advancement of LR 27? Senator Elmer, do you wish to close?

**SENATOR ELMER:** Mr. Speaker, very briefly, the spirit of compromise that we have reached here I hope will extend to this whole controversy over the Platte River water. The basic thing that we are working toward in the relicensing is the least possible risk for the farmers to run out of water and the best possible situation for habitat, realizing that additional releases for instream use is going to increase the farmer's risk of not having enough water, and that compromise has to be reached through our channels, through the legal frameworks that we have set. This resolution asks that we follow those legal frameworks. We realize that it has no force of law. It will merely state the Nebraska Legislature feels that we have in place and will continue to put in place good water policy, and that we would ask the people who are going to work in Nebraska with Nebraska water honor these particular laws that govern how our water is used to the best and most beneficial use of all concerned. I would ask your support and help in adopting LR 27. Thank you very much.

**SPEAKER BAACK:** You've heard Senator Elmer's closing. We will now proceed to vote on the advancement of LR 27. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Record, Mr. Clerk.

**CLERK:** 32 ayes, 2 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the resolution.

**SPEAKER BAACK:** LR 27 is adopted. Items for the record, Mr. Clerk.

**CLERK:** Mr. President, Senator Rogers has amendments to LB 312 to be printed and that is all that I have. (See page 1876 of the Legislative Journal.)