

Crawford has made a great recovery from that flood. The golf course that was largely destroyed in the flood will probably be open again this spring. The sale barn that was closed and is a major economic force in the community is open and operating and profitable again. And the community has recovered in other ways as well. But it has not recovered in one significant respect. It still does not have a reliable municipal water supply. The temporary water supply that was put in place after the flood is still in place. Now Crawford has studied and is currently working on a proposal to stabilize its water supply through a well field. But part of the prospects for that proposal depend on federal funding. There was \$800,000 included in a federal funding request for the water supply at Crawford. President Bush thought that that funding could be cut, describing it as pork barrel legislation. Well, I don't believe it's pork barrel when you're talking about supplying a municipality with water, particularly after the shortage as a result of a devastating flood. That is not pork barrel in comparison, for example, with the study of asparagus, which was also on the hit list. I'll undoubtedly find out from someone that asparagus is important, and I'm sure it is, but it's not as important as a water supply in the City of Crawford. And I think that it behooves the Legislature for the State of Nebraska, which in the past has been quite generous in the support of Crawford, to also advise President Bush that we continue to think that it's important, and that the monies that he's...that were proposed for the City of Crawford are important and should be appropriated, and Crawford should be allowed to continue its recovery. I urge your support for my resolution.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. Senator Beutler. Senator Crosby.

SENATOR CROSBY: I rise to support this resolution. I think...I'm really pleased that Senator Wickersham brought it. Crawford, and Pine Ridge and the whole area is such a wonderful place in Nebraska. And if you haven't been out there, I can't believe that anybody in this Legislature hasn't been to Pine Ridge, but who knows. I had one thought, Senator Wickersham, we might set up the Dan Lynch Celebrity Golf Tournament in Crawford and raise some money for them. It might help. I...that's not too...that's not a joke really when you come right down and think about it. These things happen, you might organize that, Dan. But the other thing, I think the reason I support, and I think we should all support and send a