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soil conditions around the floodway were more inferior than anticipated and we would need greater fill. Our congressional delegation does support the project, and the Wood River Project remains cost effective according to the Army Corp of Engineers. The ratio of benefits to the annual cost of the revised project is 1.6 meaning \$1.60 in benefits for each dollar expended. Nonfederal support for the project remains strong and all local parties continue to pledge their financial support. So I ask you to adopt the resolution asking the Congress of the United States to appropriate, reappropriate the necessary funds to complete the Wood River Flood Control Project. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Debate on the resolution. Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, this resolution was brought to us by Senator Peterson who aptly described the project. It is a flood control project with benefits to the Grand Island area. It's a project I have been on site and have seen where the proposed diversion is to take place, and the only problem I have is this should have been done years ago. And so the time has come. I guess there's been rumors that it's been funded but I don't know if that's true or not but, hopefully, that's the news we're going to hear from Congress. And it would provide much needed flood control protection for the city of Grand Island and the irrigated farmland in that area. So I heartily endorse this resolution and, hopefully, the funds will be available and this project can be completed before Grand Island sustains another flood.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Further debate on the resolution. Senator Chris Peterson to close.

SENATOR C. PETERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you, Senator Schrock. Again, I just ask you to adopt the resolution asking Congress to appropriate the necessary funds to complete the Wood River Flood Control project. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: You've heard the closing. The question before the body is the adoption of LR 27. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Please record.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of