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Senator Peterson used to pronounce it--N-a-w-f-u-k. I spelled it correct to indicate the way he said it without putting that other word in it, but that's what he'd say, "Nawfuk"; he's from the "Nawfuk" area. And he remembers, we were talking about a documentary stamp and most of the money from those documentary stamps, whether you want to call it a tax, a surtax, a surcharge or whatever, came from the eastern side of the state, primarily Omaha. And do you know that young rascal did not want to accept an amendment that said when payouts come from that fund they will be proportionate to the amount of money that went into it from the various areas where the fund was collected? Oh, then he jumped, no, no, no, that's not right; no, you can't say that just because people don't pay much money into the fund they can't get a lot of it out. And that young man's name I will not utter, and thereby he bears no blame. But that's what goes on around here. That's the way things are done here. When I'm not here, people are not going to remember that. Oh, they're going to lose some...when they lose me, baby, you're going to lose a good thing; let me tell you something. There have been these rural-urban splits whenever an issue arose...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...where the two regions did not see eye to eye. Well over 95 percent of the water is used not by people in the urban areas, and Senator Erdman knows that and other people know that. So we're going to do a lot of tangling on this water issue, and I welcome everybody's point of view because that's the kind of discussion we need. And I'm not in favor of dumping everything on the rural people, just 98 percent of it, since they probably use that much of the water. This amendment is very simple in what it does. It substitutes "reimbursement," when we're talking about expenses, for "compensation." Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. You've heard the closing on amendment FA371. The question before the body is, shall the amendment be adopted to LB 32? All in favor of the motion vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Voting on adoption of the Chambers amendment to LB 32. Have you all voted on the motion who care to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.