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you're going to vote on this afternoon, and a number of them create new programs. And you know what? I'm probably going to be guilty of voting for some of them. Okay? But here we are, creating new programs. Is it appropriate for us to create new programs in perpetuity? I was here for the last five years. So were all of you, or most of you. Is that what we want to do? Let's just create new programs, and then, guess what? A couple years from now, we'll come back and cut. And Senator Schrock, who claims to be Senator "Dangerfield" over here, will say, we don't get no respect for natural resources. We'll get less respect because we're creating new programs that creates drains on our state's budget. So let's think back and let's set the priorities that we were all encouraged to do for the last five years. I want to do that. What Senator Langemeier is offering us is a reasoned step. And I support funding for water in the state of Nebraska. I think we have a responsibility to manage it well. And if it takes money to accomplish that, then I stand ready and willing to do that. But let's talk about what the realities of our process is, and let's not get into some parochial argument about what it does and what it doesn't do. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Erdman. Senator Fischer, followed by Senator Redfield.

SENATOR FISCHER: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I stand in support of Senator Langemeier's amendment. I think it's a reasonable amendment. Senator Langemeier is saying that we need to fund for the next two years the programs that we have obligated ourselves to fund. I disagree with Senator Schrock when he says, well, if you pass this, you're saying water is not important in this state. That is not what this amendment is saying. This amendment says, let's fund what we're obligated to fund right now. We all know that we are going to be dealing with water in this state for our lifetime, and probably for our children's lifetime. This is a resource that is important for this state, it's important for the people, and we need to manage it and handle it carefully. We need to consider what the citizens in this state have to say about that management. How can we stand in here and say, okay, this is the program that's going to go forward forever? We're going to tie the hands of