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than it would have been. It's not a flow-through dam anymore, with small pool water; it's a higher flood-control dam, and they got flood control benefits. I think we have to be careful in making sure that we don't step on some good public/private partnerships in an attempt to make it tougher to build flood control projects in the future. There is a mitigation project next to my farm back in Burt County that has a large amount of water that was put in, in a place where the landowners didn't want it to happen. But we were able to...the NRD was able to allow no public access, thus not hurting the farm fields around it, because they regenerated an oxbow on the Missouri River. It has a lot of water, fowl and fish habitat that goes along with a national trend to mitigate some of the channelization effects along the Missouri River. I worry that we're going to have to have public access and public entry to things that are flood control, that are wildlife generating, that maybe would not be done otherwise. And it's going to be more expensive to do these things. If you're going to attack other projects and the like, I think that's fine. But I don't know if this is the right way to go. I believe that when we use flood control dollars, wildlife habitat dollars and things like that, that we need to be very careful with that, and we have to be careful with people's rights. The farm around the regeneration and on the mitigation project in Burt County did not want people coming across them to get their boats in this slough that was generated by the Papio NRD, in cooperation with the Corps of Engineers. I'm afraid that we wouldn't have been able to do that revitalization and fish habitat for the Missouri River in that position, if we'd have had to go ahead and take more ground from those farmers and go across their property. So this has an effect other places, also.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Connealy. Senator Cornett, followed by Senator Jensen. Senator Cornett, are you wishing to speak?

SENATOR CORNETT: I'd like to yield a couple moments of my time to Senator Fischer, so she can have a question answered.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Fischer.