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MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Dave Kerr at 11:00 a.m. on February 20, 1998 in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present: Alan Conroy, Legislative Research Department
Russell Mills, Legislative Research Department
April Holman, Legislative Research Department
Norman Furse, Revisor of Statutes
Michael Corrigan, Revisor of Statutes
Judy Bromich, Administrative Assistant
Ann Deitcher, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Carla Stovall, Attorney General
David Pope, Chief Engineer,
Water Resources Division
Duane Johnson, State Librarian

Others attending: See attached list

HCR 5030 **A concurrent resolution to enforce the provisions of the Republican River Compact.**

Attorney General Carla Stovall appeared before the Committee to explain **HCR 5030**. (Attachment 1). She pointed out that the entire issue that we have with Nebraska, much like we have in Colorado, deals with the wells that Nebraska continues to drill without any regulation.

General Stovall told the Committee that Kansas is both upstream and downstream from Nebraska and while Kansas has leveled off the number of wells drilled, Nebraska keeps drilling more. The proposal from Nebraska would have guaranteed us the absolute lowest amount we have received in 40 years. She said she considered that an insult.

Giving a video presentation, the Attorney General said that Nebraska takes the position that these wells have no effect on the stream swell amounts. Hydrologically that's an absolutely incorrect assumption and everything in the geological surveys that have been done shows that the spring flow is very much affected.

Senator Downey voiced the concern that the Nebraska wells could be grandfathered in. The Attorney General said that once the state files their suit, they will then ask for an injunction to prevent that sort of thing. This was done with Colorado.

David Pope, Chief Engineer with the Water Resources Division, was asked if there has been any reaction from Nebraska due to threatened legislations from Kansas. He said Nebraska's Legislature authorized a moratorium that was not mandated, to stop well-drilling. Once this was done, it went back to local districts who, after debating the issue refused to stop the drilling.

It was moved by Senator Morris and seconded by Senator Gilstrap that **HCR 5030** be recommended for passage. The motion passed on a roll call vote.

HB 2512

An act concerning the State Library.

Duane Johnson, State Librarian, appeared before the Committee in support of **HB 2512**. (Attachment 2).

Asked if he wanted the mandates that **HB 2512** provided, Mr. Johnson said that they had been following this procedure for over ten years and he was comfortable with it. The law does allow a certain latitude in judgement by the State Librarian.

Senator Jordan moved and Senator Salisbury seconded that **HB 2512** be adopted. The motion carried on a roll call vote.

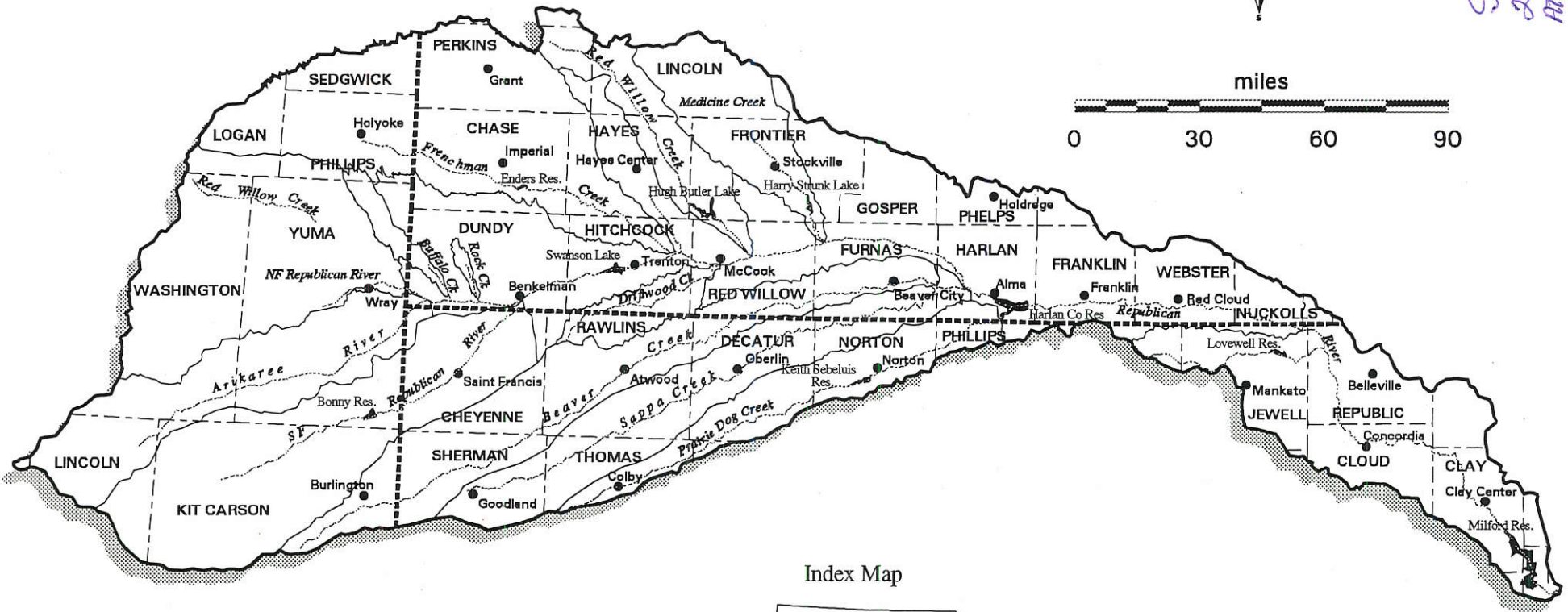
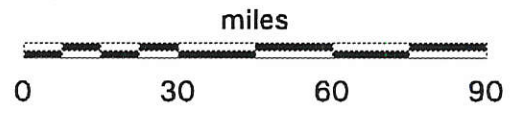
Senator Jordan agreed to carry **HB 2512**.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 11:50 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 23, 1998.

Republican River Basin

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ATTACHMENT 1



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- Major Streams
- Basin Boundaries
- County Lines
- State Lines
- Reservoirs and Lakes
- County Seat

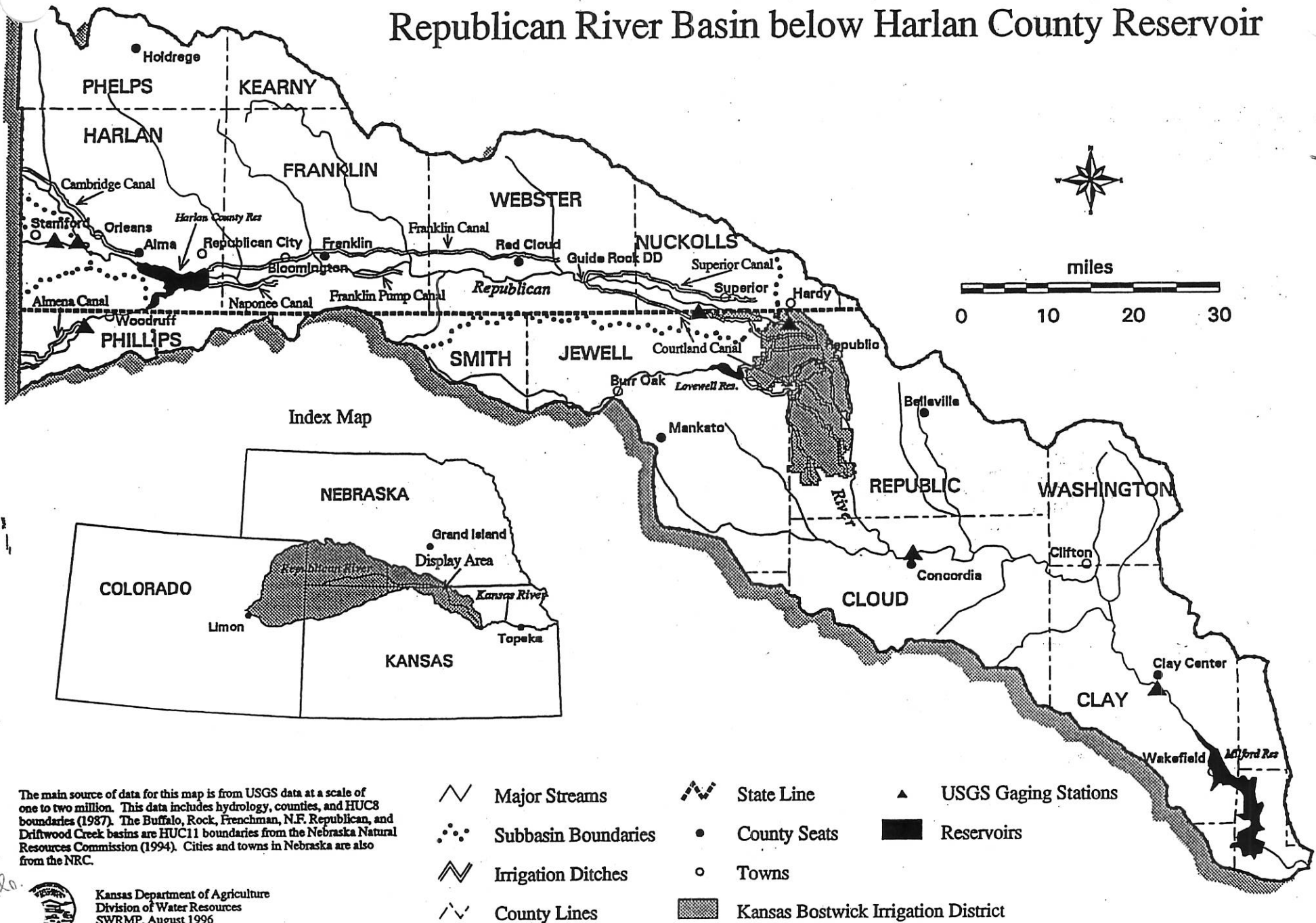
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Republican River Basin below Harlan County Reservoir



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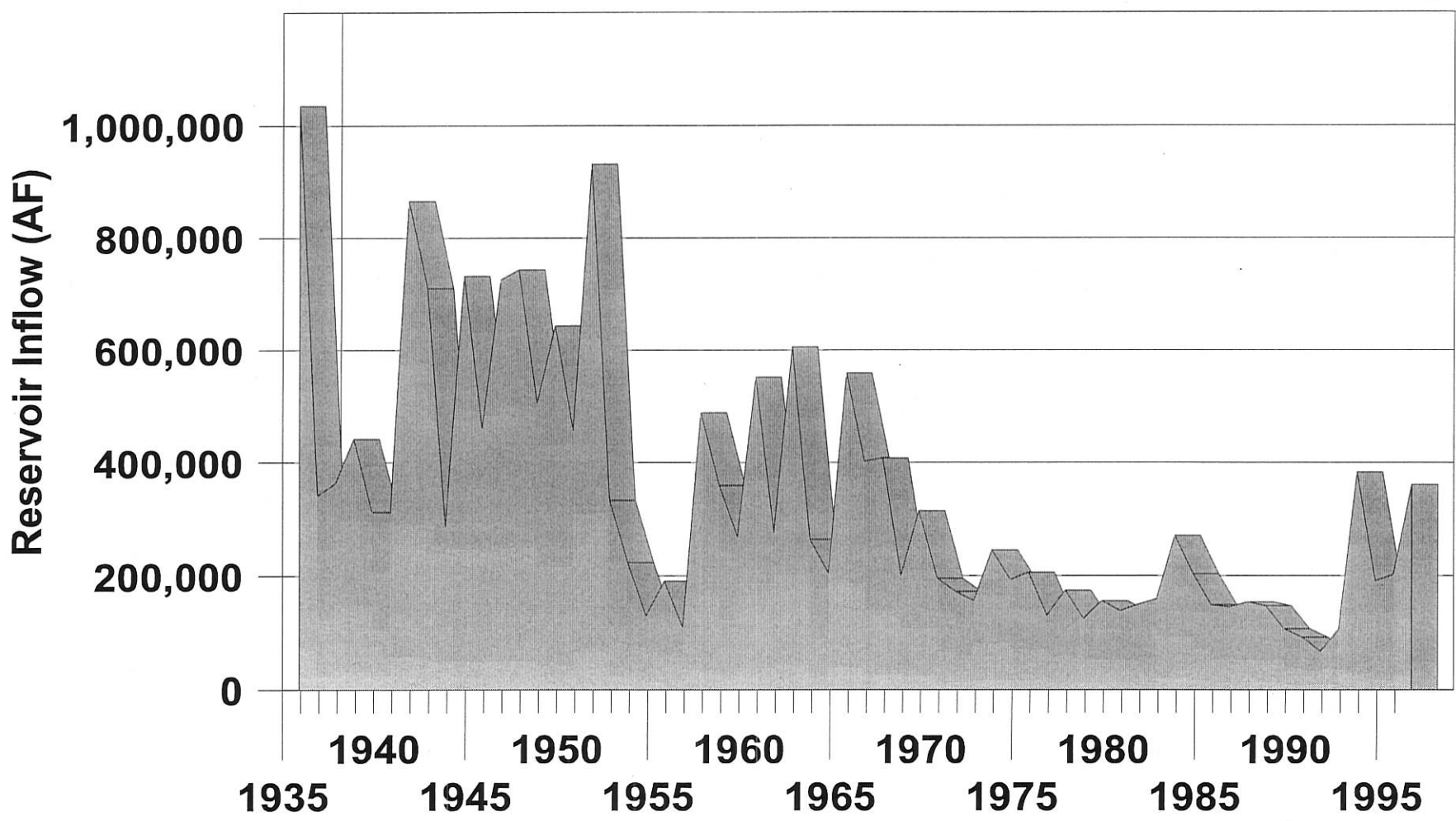
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Harlan County Reservoir Inflows

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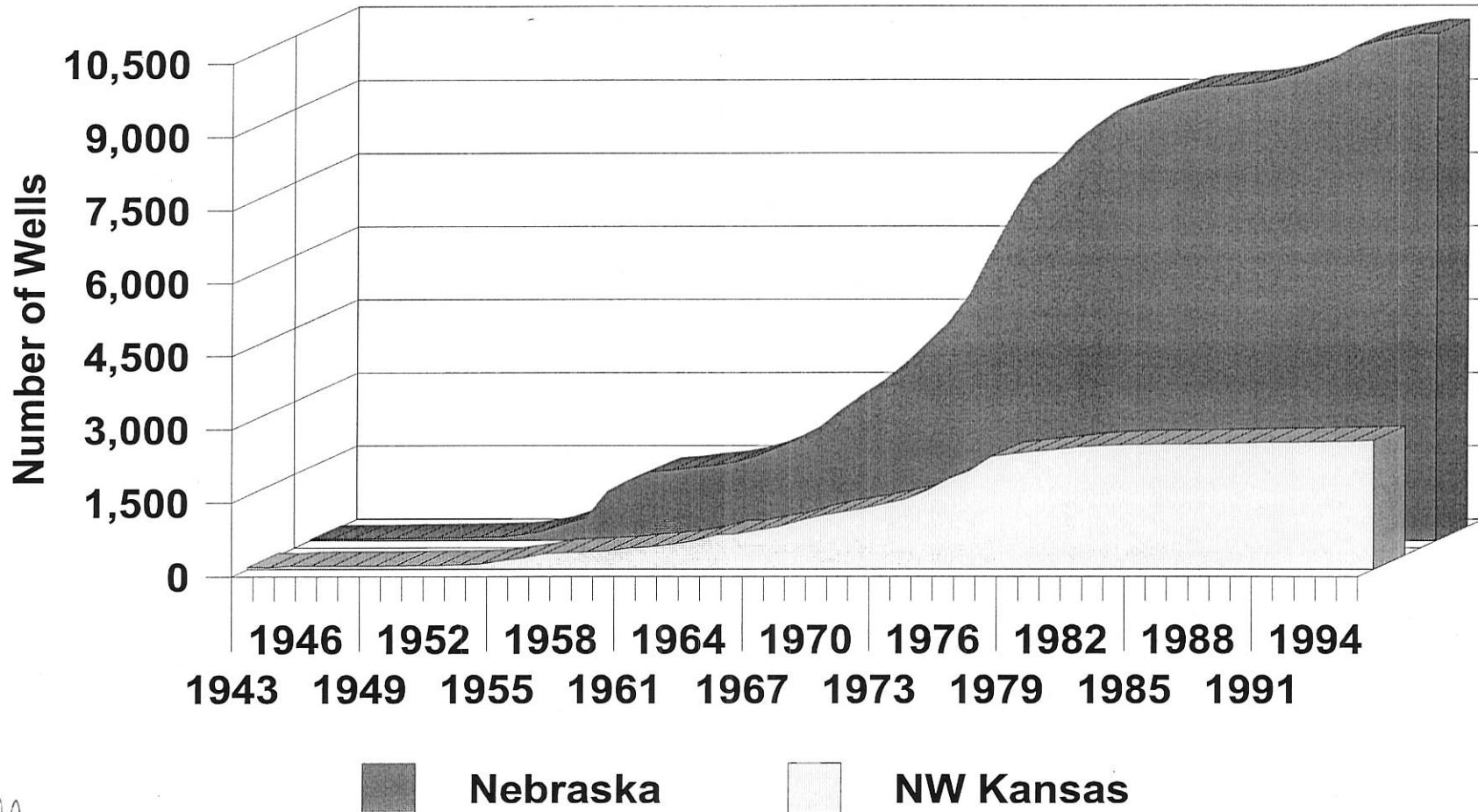


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Wells in the Republican River Basin

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Senate Ways and Means Committee

Senator David Kerr, Chair

February 20, 1998

House Bill No. 2512

Information from Duane Johnson, State Library

HB 2512, which concerns a grants and gifts authorization for the State Library and provides technical changes in the Grants-in-aid to libraries law (KSA 75-2556), would:

1) authorize the State Librarian to apply for and receive public or private grants and gifts, (page 1 in the bill, lines 34 through 37)

and, responding to recommendations of the Legislative Division of Post Audit regarding the agency's work with the Grants-in-aid to libraries,

2) in calculating the aid distributions, allow the State Library to use population statistics certified by the Division of the Budget, alternative to the additional statistics now required to be reported by local officials, (page 1, lines 41, 42, 43)

3) in determining the maintenance of local effort required by the law, allow the State Library to use official city and county budget information reported to the state Division of Accounts and Reports, alternative to the additional tax levy information now required to be supplied by local officials, (page 2, lines 24 through 27)

4) in certifying information to the Director of Accounts and Reports, allow February 15 to be the deadline rather than January 15, (page 3, line 9)

5) remove reference to a fund, because there is no special fund for this purpose, (page 3, lines 13 through 17)

6) modify the wording relating to the local reporting requirement, so that state and federal report requirements can be met by a single report, rather than the two that have been necessary. (page 3, lines 31 through 37)

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Attachment 2