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SENATOR JENSEN: From what I understand, no, you do not need a vote of the people.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Only the 15 percent of the people who voted at the last general election. Is that right? It's something like that.

SENATOR JENSEN: I'd need to check on that, but I think that's my understanding also.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Okay. Thank you, Senator Jensen. Maybe we can further this conversation when your time is up. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Janssen. Further debate on AM0744. Senator Schrock, followed by Senators Raikes, Kopplin, Jensen, Stuthman, and Brown. Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Senator Beutler, I appreciate what you're doing and I guess it disturbs me that certain members of the body, they just don't trust their NRD. Well, I'd like to ask you, where would Douglas County be without the Papio NRD? You probably wouldn't have the reservoirs and the recreation you've got. You wouldn't have the flood control. And yet we just don't trust them to do anything, and that bothers me. Now, I realize they may step on toes along the way, but in the scheme of things I think you'd be in pretty sad shape if they didn't have some budget authority and they hadn't spent some money up there. And the Natural Resources Committee has had time to discuss those issues and we've seen, we've toured the area. And I think it's very important for planning, as your city grows, as your metropolitan area grows, that you have the NRD involved. And, Senator Mines, I see you have pushed your button. Senator Mines, I see you've pushed your button. And would you like to respond to what I'm saying? What is it with the Papio NRD? What have they done or what have they not done that bothers some people up there so much? And I'm going to give you some time.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Beutler, would you respond?

SENATOR MINES: How about Senator Mines?