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the legislative process. Of course it had a long hearing at that point in time, too. So I think it is fair to say that this bill has, in fact, been reviewed more carefully than probably any bill we have dealt with this session. Secondly, I guess I would just like to make one short comment on the urban-rural thing. There are some of us who are interested in water who see it as a major problem and I think when we got into the question nobody said do we do the urban thing first or do we do the rural part of it first. I think everybody said what is most important, where do we have to be the most careful about our long term interest, and I think everybody, rural and urban alike, identified the stabilization of agriculture over the long run as far and away the primary concern of legislators of all types in this state, and so we naturally looked first to address the problem as it related to agriculture and that took some of us urban people into a rural area and I hope that is not resented because it certainly wasn't approached with that point of view, with a political point of view, by us. And as far as clean hands are concerned, I am sure our hands are not completely clean and I would invite the rural legislators to make us face up to our own problems, and if there is a proper solution to this whole problem, let's work towards making all our hands clean rather than saying, okay, we will leave your hands dirty, you leave our hands dirty. Let's clean up the whole situation. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Lamb, do you wish to close on your amendment?

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I would make a few comments. I would like to reiterate my position that I do have questions about the pivot to pivot development in some parts of the state, and as has been mentioned here, I represent a part of the state which is affected by that development. I am certainly aware of the problems in the area, not only with the quantity and the quality of the water, but also the social problems that are being presented as a result of that development. However, I do have to pursue this one amendment to this bill. I am not trying to hassle this bill. I am not going to offer a number of amendments. I do have another amendment which I was going to offer but in deference to the committee and to the process here I am going to ask that it be withdrawn and I may possibly offer it at another time. However, at this point I would like to concentrate on the fact that the control area concept is being seriously weakened unless my amendment is adopted. Now some of the speakers here have