

almost impossible to get rid of it because the general feeling within government is hang on to each little domain, if you will, build up each kingdom. I see no reason whatsoever for this extension of time. We had a bill a year ago of Senator Kremer's or two years ago to extend the life for a few years and at that point in time it was amended that because the control areas were being established in these areas where the groundwater conservation districts are the Natural Resources Districts needed all the assistance they could get from more people involved to get the control concept across to the people. The idea of having more directors in the groundwater conservation districts working in conjunction with the Natural Resources Districts seemed at that point in time to be somewhat valid. I suggest to you that by the end of this year, by January 1st, 1982, that concern is no longer still valid. The control areas are established. The lines are drawn. I think the people out in those areas are beginning to be aware of it. I believe that philosophically we have got the Natural Resources Districts and I think we should give them the job and not try to have another layer, another level of government trying to do the same job. I oppose LB 81.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kremer and then Senator Dworak. Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: Mr. Chairman and members, I want to make two corrections. When I spoke to the amendment, I used the word "conservancy" district. It is "conservation" and I want to make that correction for the record. Secondly I want to correct a statement made by Senator Cullan that I sponsored a bill that extended the life and now we are doing it again. It is true that I did but that bill got out on General File, moved to the top and then dropped back for several proposed amendments during last session and then it died because we went home sine die and left a number of bills hanging on General File and that was one of them. I continue to support the bill. Now some of the things that Senator Vickers and Senator Cullan said, of course, are true. Our problem in this particular area is somewhat unique. The Blue River or the Big Blue NRD district is unique in that this is an area, the largest area of the state, where we are depleting our groundwater resources to the extent that I think we can with a reasonable degree of honesty look forward in the future and make a statement that we feel there will be large areas in this particular area of our state that is going to run out of water. When this happens, it is going to have a significant effect on the economy of this state because of the vastness of this area. Now in a lot of other parts of the state this is not true but in this area it is true. Now the groundwater conservation districts do have a place in public relations