

that is awfully important at this time. We are under control in that area which means there is a management program put out that is going to have to be followed that may require the allocation of water and public relations is important. Now these two groups are working together and, Senator Vickers, I would have to say the argument that I produced several years ago is still valid. They are working in harmony. When Senator Sieck and I met with this group in York prior to the session, they agreed that the time that they should stay in operation is limited and they could well live with the five year extension. By that time we hope we have the NRD control and management system functioning and working properly but it is going to take time, it is going to take the effort of a lot of people. They are filling that place and I go back again to the lid bill. We still have the lid law, not bill, law. We may have it and we may not, but if the law is changed and we lift the lid, then it is time to address this thing another year, but for now, I strongly support the continuation of the groundwater conservation districts for a period of time and the bill says five years. We can always change that. I do support the bill and I hope because of the uniqueness of that area of our state you will support those of us that are supporting the bill.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Dworak.

SENATOR DWORAK: Mr. President, colleagues, I rise in opposition to LB 81. I think most of the arguments have been given pro and con, been given over and over again but it still boils down to the fact that it is fragmentation, it is lack of accountability, it is lack of a direct line of control. Senator Kremer just admitted that in fact it had a lot to do with the lid and it was a way to circumvent the lid, and for this body to tell the people of Nebraska that we have a lid and now we are going to vote for a device, a scheme, to circumvent that lid, in my estimation is unconscionable. We are still tapping the property taxpayer. Sure, it is not significant, a small amount, just like the NRDs, just like the ESUs, just like the weed control authority, just like the cemetery boards, and the long list of other little insignificant taps on the property tax owner. I think we need to change the direction. Even though in this case it is not a major amount, it is a change of direction. I think our constituency, the people of the State of Nebraska have made their wishes clear on property taxes and this would be in direct opposition to those wishes. In relation to the Blue Valley, this bill is not going to put one drop more water in the Blue River, Big Blue or the Little Blue. The only thing this bill is going to do is fiece some more dollars out of that property taxpayer's pocket. I think it is time to stand up to the reality of 1981, that we have had Natural