

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I think it is only fair that a member of that committee who heard this bill had some reservations about the conservancy district, endorsed it to come to this floor and I am not going to change my endorsement. I think that is in good faith and integrity. I am a little concerned about the amount of money we are going to allow them to spend particularly in view of the seven percent issues that we face today whether or not they under this kind of restriction in terms of finances can carry out the intent and purpose of the research which they advised us they were doing under the best wishes of the NRD. Just because the whole state doesn't have this type of a district doesn't mean there in some areas they don't recognize the value. We often hear it proclaimed the right of local determinations and local government. Here we are about to take away from certain people, commissioners who reported to us and others, that indeed this conservancy group in this area was performing a good service to the farmers and those who have a direct interest. For us now to suddenly abort the issue, I think one more time we are showing something to the public, we speak of forked tongue, and I would hope this body does not desert Senator Sieck nor the committee. He reduced the levy, now let's see whether or not they can reduce the results. If they can't, then in future years you may want to sunset that organization.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion before the House is the adoption of...advancement of LB 81. Senator Sieck, do you wish to close?

SENATOR SIECK: A few comments to make, I have heard a little opposition here but I feel that it is in the wrong direction. They say that the NRDs are ready to take this and they are capable of doing this. I don't think there is an NRD in the State of Nebraska that hasn't had an advisory board. I consider these people out here such as an advisory board. I spoke to the NRD directors at their conference just a week ago and admonished them to get more people involved because it is so important and I saw the advantage of having these type of people involved within this particular district and it is advantageous and I was one of the originators of the NRD law in the first place. I think most of you realize this and I was one of the people that felt that the rural water districts should not form new districts but the NRDs should have that control and I still feel this way. But herein is a very specific case that I feel that they are doing the job and I also feel that the NRD directors are going to see what is going on and are going to set up these type of people so that they get more people involved in getting this job done. If we expect that Board of Directors and a big bureaucratic machine to get that job done, we have got another think a