

NRDs control our destiny in the State of Nebraska on our water issues which is the way we are leaning at the present time and which I support and we certainly ought to give them the authority to get the equipment and the building that they need to function out of. They are going to need certain equipment if this thing develops the way it looks like it will in testing meters and a whole lot of other things, and they need a certain amount of facility to do that. The other thing is that in some cases it is cheaper to own your own building than it would be to rent. I realize that some of our rural areas you can rent buildings. There are plenty of them around in some of our towns, but if you have to pay the regular rent for a building that is close to what the city rent would be, with the tax exempt status they would have, I am sure that you could own your own cheaper. So I think this is a piddly thing to be arguing about when we want to completely pull destiny in the hands of our NRDs in the State of Nebraska. If we are going to let them make those tough decisions of whether we have control areas and whether one man can pump and another cannot, I certainly would have faith enough in them to use their judgment if it comes to building a building. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Cullan.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I think Senator DeCamp raised some very interesting arguments that because we give the Natural Resource Districts the power to make some very important water decisions in the State of Nebraska we should also give them the power to build a palace in which they should make those decisions. So, I don't know, I am not sure that there is a great deal of connection between making water decisions and making decisions upon what kind of a facility you are going to operate out of. I guess I have to think a little bit about the technical community colleges when I think about bond issues, and when I think about giving people capital construction authority, and you don't have to look at the technical community colleges in the state very... with any great deal of depth to find out that we sure have a heck of a lot of buildings around the state now, and certainly in a heck of a lot of different locations, and they sure spring up pretty quickly. I guess I don't want the same kind of abuse to occur with Natural Resource Districts and in my opinion there has been some abuse as far as capital construction is concerned, and if you have to go to the voters and if