

find projects to use for NRDs to build without recreation or without recreation carrying more than half of the benefit, I just wonder where we are looking. Are we looking at the great big project that makes news that the public recognizes or do we overlook the small projects that probably do more good in the long run? And I am sure they do more good. I think that land treatment, proper land treatment, will do more good for recharging the sub-surface water than any lake will but, of course, they are not quite as dramatic. When we start taking an individual's property for recreation, I think we need to go slowly. I realize there are some situations where we need the power of eminent domain but I think it must be used (interruption).

SENATOR CLARK: You have one minute left, Senator Remmers.

SENATOR REMMERS: Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I rise to oppose the kill motion. I guess I would say that I did not plan to make a statement but as a result of some of the things Senator Beutler said I am a bit alarmed and almost offended. Senator Beutler said in effect, I believe, that since the Lincoln area produces most of the money for the Natural Resources District, then, and I hope I am not misquoting him, he said something to the effect that therefore the people in Lincoln should be able to go out there and have a right of eminent domain to establish recreation areas no matter what you are doing to that local farmer. And I can't accept that, and this is the sort of thing that is going to happen if we continue in the way that we are going. I think I heard Senator Beutler say he didn't say Lincoln, he said NRD, but when you have an NRD which is dominated by a metropolitan area or I guess Lincoln is not a metropolitan area but an urban area, then you have basically the same thing. You have the situation where this farmer no longer has the right to bargain. That land is taken and the price that is paid is determined by the court and I think Senator Remmers made a very good observation, that eminent domain is needed in this country, no doubt about it, for the essential services, for the essential services that we all need, such as, the roads and the power lines, but when we get into the situation where we are using it for recreation, then we are an entirely different ball game and there is nothing to stop the NRD which is controlled by the City of Lincoln, for example, from establishing a recreation area if that is what they so want. Even if they don't have the power of eminent domain for that purpose, they can