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LB 243

SPEAKER MARVEL: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: No problem. The Pandan line I think needs to be built. No problem, if it is a public purpose. The super highways, if they need to be built, build them. No question. We are talking about the purpose of for recreation. We are saying if it is more than seventy-five percent recreational, then maybe you ought to go to a flood control project or an erosion control project, grade stabilization project, land treatment project, minimum tillage projects, these tree planting projects, many other projects that can be more cost effective, more productive, better attuned to soil and water conservation and possibly do a better job for the public also. Just one more thing, you know we outlined that we can use trees and forestry as an objective of the Natural Resource Districts. Is the Natural Resource District going to be allowed to condemn my property to plant trees on it? I think not. We need to set the parameters, ladies and gentlemen, friends and colleagues. That is what LB 243 does and I think we need to give a signal to the Natural Resource Districts. That is what we are doing. I hope you vote against the kill motion.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Sieck to close.

SENATOR SIECK: Mr. President, members of the body, with all the comments that were made this morning and this afternoon, and being a farmer in Seward County, representing Seward County and York County, and we have very little projects in that particular area, I still stand definitely behind the kill motion because I can see that we are going to slow up the projects. We have a project in York County, the School Creek project. It has only got sixteen percent earmarked for recreation but I can assure you that if there is one individual in there that doesn't want that project he is going to fight it to the end and prove that there is seventy-five percent and he will come and look at some of the projects that is built down here around Lincoln and he will see whether these projects, having that much recreation, and he will see that they are having that much recreation. Now I would like to talk about the Nemaha project. I can recall when we had the legislation on the NRD concept. That south gallery was filled with people from Southeast Nebraska opposed to the Natural Resource concept because they wanted to keep their conservancy districts and the conservancy districts is what gave them the power of taxing the two mills instead of the one that they have now and gave them the power of eminent domain, so that they could build their projects. This is what it is all about. There was a mention that the