

the locally elected Natural Resource District decided to proceed. Then the family took them to court, in the District Court, and they lost. And they took them to court in the Nebraska Supreme Court and they lost and their representative who litigated that case for them, as their attorney, is also one of the principal lobbyists in favor of this bill, and I think it is really fair to say without being unfair to the Singletons or their counsel, and I respect their counsel greatly, that in many respects LB 243 is a bill directed to a specific situation and that is an effort to reverse a decision made in the District Court and in the Nebraska Supreme Court and block a project for which approximately \$1.4 million has already been spent, \$1.4 million has already been spent, and if we permit this bill to have retroactive effect, we are going to do two things. We are going to send a message to people that when they lose in the court system they can come in here with a special interest bill to cure their problems. The second thing we are going to do is we are going to make it impossible for that project to be completed as originally envisioned and, of course, the fundamental objection I have to the bill is, number three, we are going to deprive all future NRDs or all future projects of these authorities because of this one situation which this one particular group objects to. Now with respect to the first two considerations, if we are going to tell people that they can't expect to come in here everytime they get an adverse ruling in the Nebraska Supreme Court and get favorable legislation, why let's vote the nonretroactivity provision of this law so we can nip that problem at the bud. Now I know that the sponsors of this bill are saying as a matter of public policy this is good. Well, if as a matter of public policy it is good, why then let's have it apply to future projects but let's not give a retroactive effect which is going to, as I indicated earlier, encourage this process of continually coming to this body when people are unhappy with court decisions. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator DeCamp. The question has been called for, do I see five hands? Okay, I see five hands. Shall debate cease is the question? Have you all voted? Have you all voted? The issue before the House is shall debate cease? Record the vote.

CLERK: 20 ayes, 6 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Debate has ceased. Okay...Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, I will be very brief. I just want to say, I believe Senator Hoagland said the case was lost in the Supreme Court. I don't believe the Supreme