

haven't come up with any evidence to prove this but this is what this amendment does. This amendment is a dangerous amendment without a full-blown investigation, hearing and what it will do to the entire state, not just my district or Senator Vickers' District. That is why I asked for a division because the first part of this nobody can go home and explain it the same way because everybody is going to see it different and I ask you not to vote to support the first part of this amendment and I ask you to vote no because we are just getting into something we will not be able to get out of. It is in too big of a hurry and listen to the people that are in the water areas and that have the problem and vote no on the first part of this amendment. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Hoagland.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Mr. President and colleagues, I would just like to make a couple of short remarks in support of Senator Vickers' amendment. Now we are really seeing a lot of malarkey, you know, that is being coughed up here on the floor the last ten or fifteen minutes. One of the earlier speakers said if this amendment passes we are going to be conceding billions of dollars in surface water to the state. Another speaker just conceded or just argued that this is a very dangerous amendment. I mean that really is a lot of nonsense. All this amendment does is just give the NRDs a little bit more authority and the way the question has been divided here what this particular amendment does is it gives the locally elected Natural Resource Districts that we have charged with the responsibility of conserving our water resources the authority to set up a control area for one additional reason and that is interference with present or reasonably foreseeable uses of surface water in the district. That is all it does. It is very simple. It is very short. It expands the NRD authorities a little bit. It gives them a little bit more authority to deal with these crucial water problems we have got. The house is not going to come tumbling down. If we are really serious about doing something with water on the floor of this Legislature, which evidently we are according to the vote on 375 this morning, why let's adopt this amendment and get onto another subject. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Wagner.

SENATOR WAGNER: Mr. Speaker and members, when I first came upon this amendment again, I started kind of marking my bill down and I got to looking and this is when I found out we have the same amendment that we tried to adopt the other day and I opposed that amendment at that time and I very vigorously oppose that amendment at this time. I think we are mixing