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day after day after day where certain groups of people continue filibustering in one way or the other. Maybe I don't understand what the word "filibuster" means but somehow or other all I can do, I can't force you to do a thing, all I can do is attempt to appeal to you somehow through some avenue so that for crying out loud we get something done. Three bills today and all the work that we have done, three bills, take a look at the calendar. Record the vote.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPFAKER MARVEL: Debate is ceased. The Chair recognizes... Senator Beutler, do you wish to close?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, the Chair recognizes you.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I think maybe the best thing I can do to point out the relevancy in the words in this particular amendment is to ask you to consider the property equalization problem that we have been dealing with here in Nebraska for the last number of years. As you know, we have had tremendous problems equalizing assessments as between counties because each county does its own assessing, has its own county assessor, so eventually we saw the need to set up a State Board of Equalization to equalize those assessments between counties so that everyone was treated fairly. Well, in water law, we don't have a Board of Equalization as between NRDs. We don't have a supreme authority. Maybe we should have but we don't which says if you set up a control area in the aquifer then this other NRD has to do it, too, so that everybody using water in that aquifer is treated equally. We don't have that overall mechanism and all I am asking you to do is to put this amendment into place which would provide a mechanism for jumping across those jurisdictional lines so that everyone is treated fairly or at least so there is a method so some determination can be made if everyone is being treated fairly. There is no doubt in my mind that the time will come when this amendment will be sorely needed and we should anticipate it so that it is there when it is needed and we don't have a situation where we have people breathing down our back to get something done that should have been done long ago. The situation exists. Nothing can correct it except providing a mechanism for adjusting rights or doing away with NRDs altogether and having one central authority which none of us, I think, want to do. So I hope you will adopt the amendment. Thank you.

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