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the evidence. There is no other organized opposition in most cases so the necessity for providing for a control area has been that the district which wants it shall provide proof to the director, and upon the provision of that proof, it shall be granted. It is that simple. But you are saying here unless someone comes in from somewhere else. Who? There is not going to be any other organization come forward. The director is not going to develop the evidence against it. It is not his responsibility to do that. He is to listen to the evidence and Senator Hoagland knows that. This is not a courtroom procedure, Senator Hoagland. You are full aware of that. You, as an attorney, are taking advantage of those of us who are not attorneys. You are making it sound very simple. It is not simple at all. You are sucking some people into a trap it is not going to be easy to get out of. Once again I ask you to oppose the amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The question before the House is the adoption of the Hoagland amendment to 146. Senator Hoagland, do you wish to close?

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Yes, I would like to close just very briefly, Mr. Speaker. Now you know all session and last session and the session before we have been hearing over and over again water is the issue we have got to face. Water is the issue we have got to take some action on in the coming session of the Legislature, and now that we are here trying to face the issue, we are told, number one, we don't have enough time to do it, and number two, we don't vote on it. The last roll call vote we had on Senator Vickers' first amendment, which I thought was a good amendment, there were eleven or twelve people that simply didn't vote on the issue at all. Now I am going to ask for a roll call vote on this and I really hope we will vote on the issue, and let me tell you again what it does. It is very simple. It simply shifts the presumption so that a control area will be granted if requested by a Natural Resource District unless there is strong reasons not to request it. If you believe in local control, it seems to me you surely believe in this argument, in this motion. If you believe in doing something about water effectively this session, here is your opportunity because this would be an important favorable amendment to the Ground Water Management Act that would make it work better, that would give the Natural Resource Districts more authority in a realistic way. Now let's back up our promises with some action. Here is an opportunity to do something about water and I say let's do it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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