

amendment because it was suggested to me by some persons who oppose the bill. It was not my desire to offer the amendment. The people who suggested it did not want to put their name on the bill but they said, as some have told Senator Haberman, you know, and I suppose some of them would prefer that the bill die or go away or not have to be voted upon, that they could perhaps vote for the bill if this would happen. I know that there are those that are trying to tie 243 to other bills on this floor. It has happened before. It is going to happen again. It makes no difference to me but I will predict you this, if the starch in some backbones has turned to jelly, as happens frequently as the heat of the last few days begins to increase, it is not unusual, there will be those who will report in sick, you know, and I have got corn to plant, and maybe that wouldn't be a bad thing to be doing today, but if we do not adopt some guidelines for the Natural Resource Districts as we have for every other subdivision, the time will come when there will be nothing done because any time the right of eminent domain is used the individual will go to court, and if you want to have problems, ladies and gentlemen, you will see them then. Now it is easy for the lobbyists for the Natural Resource Districts to stand out in the hall this afternoon in the rotunda and call down the wrath of God upon a few of you and tell you how terribly important this is to your own private Natural Resource District. I want to tell you, ladies and gentlemen, I have traveled as I have said the length and breadth of this state and I haven't had yet, I haven't had yet more than two or three individuals who have spoken to me about the evils of the bill. I don't think they are afraid to speak to me. They are ready to talk to me about almost anything else but they cannot defend, they cannot defend, and no one in this body can defend, nor can they go back to their constituents and defend the taking of private property for recreational purposes when you have built in the safeguards we have provided here. Senator Haberman refers again to the Singleton property. Is it because of the fact that one man? Well, let me say this, if that one man were myself or Senator Haberman, we would be most concerned. When we forget about the rights of a single individual, and I have been reminded of that a few times on this floor, we forget about the rights of all of us. If we had given the Natural Resource Districts some guidelines...

SPEAKER MARVEL: You have one minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...when they were established, the Singletons would still own their property, there would be no problem. I suggest to you there are many instances whereby we could pin-