

can happen but I would suggest that it is a far more desirable system for the adjoining Natural Resource District to request its own hearing and to request to have a control area designated than to have an adjoining district request that control area to be established within a neighboring district. It is a little bit like out telling the State of South Dakota, you know we don't like the way you are using your water and you ought to do this and this, while we continue to allow millions of acre feet of water in Nebraska to rush unimpeded to the sea. And so it is always easier to tell someone else how to handle their problems than it is to handle your own but idealness is also directly proportional to the distance from the problem and I think if you will stop and consider that if there is a serious problem here in the Upper Republican, for example, that the Board of Directors of the Middle Republican are going to consider that problem and they will take that action necessary to protect that water. If you feel they are not going to act responsibly, what is responsible? Is the one set of directors more responsible than the other because they happen to do that which I or Senator Beutler wants them to do. I think not. Responsibility is responsibility by an elected board to a constituent for the resources of that district. I do not think that I would want to adopt the premise that I had more responsibility in a neighboring district than I have in my own as an elected person, and I think we are saying here if we move this kind of a bill that one NRD has a lesser judgment than another. I do not think we want to say that. I am opposed to the bill.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Sieck.

SENATOR SIECK: Mr. President, members of the body, I have had some firsthand experience in this particular issue. If you look on you map in the northwest corner, not the northwest but the northeast corner of the Upper Blue, a little jog that sits up there, this is actually an underground aquifer of the Lower Platte South in the Valparaiso area. The ground water problem is actually in effect in the area that is colored, but in the Lower Platte South it is not, but we did have some problem in the Lower Platte South area, so we called and asked the Department of Water Resources to hold a hearing in the immediate area knowing that there could be a problem existing in that area. The results of that hearing was that the Department of Water Resources did not feel that the area within the Lower Platte South was eligible for a control area. So what the Upper Blue did then was not to administer control within that particular area even though there was a problem because of the underground aquifer. And as I see it we have done what Senator Beutler is asking us to do and I would hate to see