

the Upper Blue area come in and control another area which could happen as I see this thing developing. So I would have to stand opposed to it because I do feel that what he is trying to do is being done. In the Lower Blue they have initiated a control area and I think you will find that the same things are happening there and they have actually initiated a control area and I think the present law says that you can, if you have a problem, you can join your other district if you care to and if you feel that you are in need of a development within your area by a petition and you can do that. So I really question the need of the law so I am going to oppose it.

SENATOR H. PETERSON: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I, too, would stand to oppose the legislation. I happen to be in the area of the Central Platte. I have attended their board meetings a number of times. I know they are in the process of determining at what stage they might consider this kind of action. They are setting forth criteria on the basis on which they would do it. I think the NRDs are responsible subdivisions of state government and it appears to me that what we have got before us right now is a very fundamental basic philosophy. Do we believe that the state ought to make these decisions or do we believe that local people ought to make the decisions? My humble observation is that local people know their own problems much better than anybody on the state level and I just feel that what we are doing is opening an opportunity for real discord between the districts. I note by the record apparently that the Natural Resource Association, the Association of Natural Resource Districts are opposed to the bill and it would just seem to me that it would be foolish for this legislative body to adopt the bill.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I rise to support Senator Beutler. I was very pleased to see that Senator Kremer supported Senator Beutler or supports LB 94. Now you see, fellow Senators, Senator Kremer and I have something that the rest of you don't have which includes Senator Schmit. We are...and our districts have control areas. We know what they can do, what they can accomplish. We know how good they are and I say to Senator Schmit, people aren't going to cry "Wolf, wolf", and have a control area if they don't need it which I believe you implied. Everybody stands up and says and wrings their hands, we have got to do something about water, and now just because Senator Beutler is from Lincoln and he comes up with a water bill, I don't think we ought to look down