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our noses at him because I feel he has come up with a good one and I commend him for this one. So I say this, if you haven't made up your mind or if you need some sort of a...something to follow, listen to Senator Kremer. He has been here and in water for many, many years and in a control area. I am new down here and I am in a control area. I know how the people react. They like it. They want to put more controls on themselves. They have actually asked our NRD board in some areas to lower the number of inches of water that they can have. They realize their problem. They want to help themselves. So when you look at this map, you look at the Upper Republican, I have three counties. So maybe there is a county next door and this vast pool of water is halfway between the counties, I think we ought to be able to ask and request that that county join us. It will have public hearings. We will go through all of the steps. Nobody will be cut out. So this is a good bill. It isn't going to hurt anything so I would like to ask you to support LB 94. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, Senator Schmit, may I ask you a question please.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Yes, Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: When one of these areas wants a designated area, that is usually the area that has a problem, isn't that true?

SENATOR SCHMIT: If the Board of Directors of the Natural Resource Districts request an area, they assume they have a problem, yes.

SENATOR NICHOL: That is the area that has the problem?

SENATOR SCHMIT: That is right.

SENATOR NICHOL: All right, now instead of the place that has the problem inviting a next door neighbor to come in with them, why would it not be reasonable to have the next door neighbor be notified of a designated area that is to be formed and all of the contiguous areas be notified so that the contiguous areas, if the water is to be sucked out of the aquifer, will know about it and can visit with the area that wants the designated area instead of the way this particular bill is written? Would that make more sense?

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