

that this year have so much trust in the Natural Resource Districts Board of Directors. I hope that they remember to have that much trust later on when other water legislation comes up. It just seems to me that what Senator Beutler is asking this body to approve is not that unreasonable. I think it needs to be pointed out again, as Senator Beutler did earlier, that the requesting district has to have a control area itself first. They have to be addressing their situation first before they can ask their neighboring district to address a perhaps similar situation. I think it also needs to be pointed out that it is certainly not automatic. The same hoops have to be jumped through as far as the hearing in front of the Director of the Department of Water Resources and in the final analysis the control area is established by the Director of the Department of Water Resources and the boundary line is drawn. So the neighboring district that asked for the control area cannot arbitrarily on their own create a control area in a neighboring district. They have to prove that there is a reason for a control area, and as Senator Beutler just answered Senator Nichol, it seems to me reasonable that this process be allowed to take place so that the hearing process can begin and come to its conclusion whatever it might be. Now as far as the issue of local control is concerned, I think we need to recognize that all those directors including the directors that are asking for the control area are elected by their local people also and I think it needs to be recognized also that we are all using out of the same pond out there in many places. It was mentioned earlier about Upper Republican and the Middle Republican. Well, it seems rather odd to me that both the representative from the Upper Republican, Senator Haberman, and myself from the Middle Republican both agree on this issue and yet other members on this floor are using that as an example of what might happen. I am not scared of it and I take it that Senator Haberman wasn't either. So I support Senator Beutler in LB 94.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Schmit, do you wish to...?

SENATOR SCHMIT: A question of Senator Beutler, please.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Beutler, do you yield?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Senator Beutler, in the event that the director should allow the hearing should be held in a contiguous area in an adjoining Natural Resource District and it should be found that there should be a control area established in that adjoining area, which board of directors then will adopt the rules and regulations for the control of that ground water?