

problem, the local control system will not prevail in the State of Nebraska and I will predict that today. Look at the states of the United States of America. How far have we come in solving the water problem and the reason we haven't come very far, and we haven't, is because each one of those states is autonomous and because each one of those states will not give up any of its autonomy and, by golly, you know what is going to happen. The federal government is going to step in here in just a couple of years because we are not doing the job ourselves, and within the State of Nebraska that analogy holds. Lower Platte North, Lower Platte South, technical problems, maybe there will be technical problems, but what is the alternative? That the people in the other NRD to continue to get the benefit of the water while those who establish control areas suffer although we are talking about the same underlying pool of water. What equity in that is there to an individual in a control area? He is hurt once by having controls put on him. He is hurt twice by having the guy right next door, maybe across the road, have no controls at all, a completely inequitable situation. It is not an easy process under this bill by which an adjoining NRD could be forced to have a control area. There has to be a hearing. There has to be a proof that there is an effect. There has to be proof that it is the same underlying water. There has to be proof of the need for a control area, the same proof that had to be presented to the Director in the case of the first NRD. So it is the same Director holding the hearing for both of the NRDs. There is no reason to expect that the same Director would come to a different conclusion, and if he did come to a different conclusion, then the second NRD wouldn't have to worry because the factual situation would be different. Let me just point out in closing, think back again on Senator Sieck's example. I come to a different conclusion from his example. He says that part of his NRD didn't declare a control area, didn't put an area in a control area because, because right next door the directors wouldn't declare a control area. So even though Senator Sieck's NRD needed that control area in a certain portion of the district, they didn't declare it because the next door NRD wouldn't cooperate. There is a first glaring example of bad policy that is occurring because we have not solved the problems of how to relate the NRDs and I urge you very strongly to take a step forward for what is, in fact, the preservation of the local control system. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Schmit, your light was on and I have neglected to indicate that Senator Beutler was closing. Do you wish to make closing remarks? Part of this, I have