

It is kind of interesting that in this we have a peculiar context here. If the state authorities happen to rule against us then the state has too much power and we want to return it to the locals. If on the other hand, the state happens to rule or if the NRDs say we don't need a control area, then we think we ought to transfer power in the other direction. You can't have it both ways. I would suggest that the bill, present language, by virtue of the fact that you exclude the incorporated areas from ever being a part of a control area, that you have reduced the financing for a control area to the extent that it is going to be very...any help you can get out of that funding is going to be very limited and you will probably not allow the NRD to have enough money to do anything, and number two, I don't think you're ever going to be able to get away with disenfranchising the people of the incorporate area. Now some of my urban friends are going to think it is strange that I am standing up here trying to defend their right to participate but I want to point out, I think it is an inconsistency that you cannot, you probably cannot support. It may well be that it is not necessary because of the peculiar nature of an area and the problem may not be involved or may not involve the incorporated area but we have heard on this floor hundreds of times the necessity for the urban people to be involved and we are saying here we're not going to involve the urban people. Now Senator Kremer and myself have LB 375 which provides a mechanism whereby if the Director of Water Resources denies a control area or if the local natural resource district feels that they do not need the extended controls of a control area, that they can adopt the management area. It is an inbetween mechanism for managing your water supplies. I think what we have here now is a situation where we are saying if the Director of Water Resources rules against a local natural resource district then we change the boundaries of the area, we change the number of people who can vote and we rewrite the rules so that by one method or another, we can declare a control area. It doesn't make any difference if we have to reduce the area in scope to the point that there is no sufficient financial base to do anything. There will not be sufficient financial base to assist the natural resource district to carry out the problems of the control area. If you do that, ladies and gentlemen, let me tell you what is going to be the next step. The natural resource district will naturally have to come back to this Legislature and ask for funds from the development fund or the conservation fund. Now I think we all know how generous this body is going to be in that area. Senator Sieck has a