

and if we intend to deal with that as I had thought we did, the 375 concept with all the mechanisms and tools there, then I think we'd better be getting some information from somebody in this body that is involved in this to tell us where we are or where we are going on that as opposed to this approach which says really that the crisis type thing, panic and have a vote of the people on control areas, the whole idea of election of your NRDs and your water resources director, and say, "hey look, this is a complicated area, it is a complicated field. We want what is best for the entire system ecologically, agriculturally, economically, environmentally." We want what is best and that is why we're putting these experts in charge and this system basically says with 401 as I read it now, it says, "Hey look, we got all these experts and everything else. No matter what they say we're going to have an alternate system for reacting to a supposed crisis and implementing a control area by votes of the people who may or may not have the facts or anything else." Pray tell, could Senator Schmit or Senator Kremer answer me where we are on 375 because I feel it is impossible for us to act intelligently on 401 until we know what direction we are going on water with 375. You've got two roads that go off in pretty divergent directions here, and if this is the trail you want to take off on, fine, but let's hear it from the people that have been working on it. I think 375 with management immediately of the resources, with expertise is the approach we should take. We already have a system for control areas. Pray tell, where are we? And I would like one of those to kind of give me some direction.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Sieck.

SENATOR SIECK: Mr. President, members of the body, I cannot answer Senator DeCamp's questions on 375 because I was not involved with that but I do have a question of Senator Lamb and this deals with the control area. As I understand, that particular area voted...was denied a control area by the Department of Water Resources. Now are they going to try to initiate a smaller area and would it not be just the opposite of what we debated the other day with Senator Beutler on 94?

SENATOR LAMB: I'm not sure I quite understand your question but let me see if I've got it right. The procedure is that first the NRD decides what the area should be and the Director approves that area I believe and so then when he turns it down then it comes back and the voting procedure started only the incorporated areas are not involved either from voting or, as Senator Schmit pointed out, from paying for it and the thinking is very simple