

SENATOR NICHOL: That's what I thought. Do you have in your mind which of these bills, one or two or none, ought to be passed at this time the way they are sitting? My problem is I don't know enough about all three of them to make an intelligent decision as to what should be happening.

SENATOR KREMER: When you get through I will make some comments, whatever they are worth.

SENATOR NICHOL: Okay. I would welcome comments from you, Senator Beutler, Senator Lamb as to what should be happening. You see, I think that perhaps certain areas are addressed in each of the bills and it looks like we are going three different directions, maybe not, but this is the confusion that I have and I think perhaps some of the other members may have and so as you debate the bill I would hope that you and others would bring out what we should be doing with each of these bills because so many of us don't have a full comprehension of all three of them. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, we have four lights on and the first one is Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I will follow up on the question that Senator Nichol asked, what would happen if all three of these bills were adopted. Of course, Senator Beutler's bill, LB 94, would stand on its own and you heard the argument a day or two ago. We would allow an NRD to ask the Director to consider taking in another area that was causing the problem that may be existing in the requesting area. So that would stand by itself. Under LB 577 which is the Water Management Act, it provides that if there is a request to initiate a process which would bring the Department of Water Resources director into the picture, he would set up a hearing. After the hearing was held he would counsel with people that we feel are experts such as the Conservation Survey Division, the Water Center at the University of Nebraska, the Natural Resources Commission and others that should have some expertise. After counselling with them and considering what the situation was in the request area which is related principally to the depletion of the ground water supply, then if he felt in talking with these other people it was necessary to go under control, he could declare a control area and designate the boundaries. Now under this bill, under Senator Lamb's bill, we would bypass the people that are considered to be experts because they should have the data that is collected through the Data Collection Bank that we established at the same time we adopted the framework study so we would eliminate all that. Then you go right back to