

than what some of us might think that they should be regulated, we don't live there, they do. I think it is as simple as that. I think it is an issue of do we trust local control or do we not. Do we want to give those people the authority to establish a control area? Remember this bill as drafted is only after their locally elected board of directors have petitioned the director and the director has turned their request down. First their local elected board of directors has got to make the request, has got to jump through the hoops that everybody else does to get a control area established. What Senator Lamb is saying is that once that happens and if there are certain criteria that we have put into the statutes, that the director interpreted the statutes and says these criteria are not present, therefore, you can't have a control area legally. Then Senator Lamb is saying, "Look, local people, if you still want one, here is a procedure and you can have one." So it seems to me the vote on this bill is going to indicate to the people of the State of Nebraska, those of us that really believe in local control as far as the water resources of this state are concerned, and those of us that don't. It is just that simple.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Beutler. Senator Lamb. Excuse me?

SENATOR LAMB: Am I closing?

SPEAKER MARVEL: No.

SENATOR LAMB: Well my only comment at this time, Mr. President and members, is that I don't believe there is any... I agree with Senator Kremer, that there is no conflict between the three bills that Senator Nichol mentioned, no conflict at all. This is just a refinement of what we have now in regard to control areas under the Ground Water Management Act. It is another way to establish those control areas so that if 375 comes along and does whatever it does in regard to management areas, it doesn't affect control areas and so there is no conflict in that area.

SPEAKER MARVEL: There is a motion on the desk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator DeCamp would move to indefinitely postpone LB 401.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I really wish you would listen and I know I am