

going to be misunderstood on this but I really think this is pretty important. I want to use a simple example that I think we are all familiar with because Senator Nichol and I, fellers that have been here a while, have all lived through it. A few years ago we had the strictest drunk driving law in the United States, the famous .10 law. We were the first state to pass it. Arbitrarily it took licenses. It started really cracking down and then we created a loophole, a major loophole, and we basically gutted it and what we did, we created the work permit thing that automatically eliminated the suspension of the drivers licenses. Anybody can get it today, it doesn't matter what, they can't refuse it, so on and so forth. Okay, so what has that got to do with this? It's got everything to do with this. It is the same principle. Senator Kremer, Senator Beutler, myself, Senator Vickers, we have read report after report, you people have voted millions of dollars over the years to set up a system of gathering information, to setting up experts, water resource directors, committees with some expertise on it, one thing and another so that when we made our decisions we would force them into a system based upon knowledge of what is there, damage that can result, all these things. That is what the existing control system is. It says, "Look, natural resource district, gather your information." Not only do we have that gathered, then we have soil conservation offices. You have to gather so cottonpickin' much information it is incredible and then that decision is based, at least theoretically, upon all this information that our laws forced us to gather and the decision, theoretically at least, is based upon knowledge of all these things. Now you are saying with this bill, "whappo", make a big barn door here on the left and say, in effect, don't worry what happens on the gathering of information, don't worry about what the decision of the directors are based upon all this. You simply go around the left end and you get a vote of the people and then somebody can stand up and say, well you are opposing local control, DeCamp. Not really. Water is so important, so critical, that you'd better not be risking the whole system you created over here to gather information with a big barn door over here that jeopardizes it all. Now, I know it sounds like I am trying to sabotage 401 or whatever the number is. I'm not. I'm really concerned that you are destroying everything you are creating. Your management systems, why worry about management systems when you can come up with something twenty-seven times stronger for a group that wants it by simply having a vote of the people. And you say, well the people will decide intelligently. Maybe. But the people are going to be denied the quantities of information that have to go