

same hearing process is involved in this that you have in declaring a control area under the conventional manner. And so what it is doing is substituting the judgment of the people in the area for the judgment of the director of water resources, and I am perfectly comfortable with that situation. I think those people should have the final say about the situation in their area. I see nothing wrong with it. All the arguments that have been presented in opposition to the bill are really very minor. It is a good bill and I urge you not to kill the bill and to advance it to E & R.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Beutler, do you wish to be heard? Senator Haberman...is Senator Haberman here? Senator Vickers. Senator Schmit, and then Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I would just like to ask a theoretical question. I wonder how many of the urban legislators would be coming out of the woodwork...I'll bet you they would be five abreast and fifteen deep if I were to propose an amendment to a bill that would deny them the opportunity to vote in an area related to water. You know, really actually Howard and I had the thing all worked out to begin with and we are just kind of...this is kind of like the Polish resolution the other day that Senator Labeledz and Senator Fowler came up with. It almost got unanimous Republican support for it. But the point I want to make is this, if you are going to do it in this area, maybe we ought to extend it, Senator Lamb, so that urban legislators can't vote on anything that has to do with water because certainly it is a rural issue. It is a rural item. Now I think that would cause great consternation if it caused the kind of a repercussion that caused people to get retirement early in the area of politics. But I think also there are a number of other questions that haven't been established. We haven't decided about the cost of elections. Who is going to pay the cost of the elections. We have been trying to work out an election process for the commodity checkoff boards, and maybe we will get one worked out but at the present time they are expensive. We know they are. We hope we can get that resolved, but I haven't seen that resolved here. Under the bill it isn't even clear whether a renter can vote or not. Does the renter have the right to vote? Or does he not? How about an absentee landowner? I think you have a lot of unanswered questions here which are going to come back to haunt you. I will make one more prediction. If the bill should become law...if the bill should become law, there will never be a control area organized under this statute. It will not happen. It will be on the books. It will be