

with water, if you are going to make these reports meaningful, if you are going to start doing something on it, then hold your system together. You have got 375 and I think at one time when we put that bill out on this floor, I am going to say about 90 percent of it was just doggone good. Sure it was stronger than anybody wanted, mandatory management areas and so on and so forth, and I am not so sure but what that isn't what we had better go back to, a lot closer to what we originally had out on this floor and I am going to be working for a lot of those things. But if you are going to go this route and say all the work we have done, all the reports, all the years don't mean anything if you don't like what happens, you just go have a vote of the people and then babble something about local control to sanctify it, then forget water, just throw it up and have a vote of the people on this and a vote of the people on that. It is a complicated area. We are spending millions of dollars. How about making all the tax decisions of the tax commissioner subject to a vote of the people when somebody gets a petition or something? It is not going to work. Eliminate the system if you are going to do it that way, or make your system work, make those decisions they say have meaning. Now I repeat, I know doggone well I am going to lose here. You are not going to kill the bill. But if you would kill it, then you would be forced to deal with these issues on 375. And Senator Schmit and Senator Kremer might not like 375 when we have finished. But we said we are going to make her into water and the Governor came and paraded there and said how he supports getting her done, well, by God, let's do it this year and quit "baloneyizing" and let's make her function, make those management areas function, but you are not going to get it done if you have three different versions parading across the floor here with one undoing what you are doing over on the other side. You have got a confined system. Senator Kremer was one of the chief architects of the natural resource districts. If LB 401 passes and if LB 375 had passed in its original form, Senator Kremer would have been the chief architect of destruction of the natural resource districts. That is what it is all about in 401. You are going to destroy the very thing we have been harping on that we are creating. I will repeat again, I am serious about this. I have hung back on it but water is too important to be left in the hands of water experts almost I am ready to say. Like somebody once said, war is too important to be left in the hands of generals. Start learning about what is in these water bills. Start getting involved. I am not saying that I don't trust and believe all of them. I think they are all just as sincere as God ever made any men. But I am telling you...I am telling you it is time for you to start