

effective ninety days after its issuance. The matter of controls, and you have had some letters from individuals who have discussed the matter of controls. Controls are listed in Section 11 on page 10. They are controls that you are very familiar with and have been used in the past. Number one, Allocation, allocating the total permissible amount of ground water that can be withdrawn. Number two, Rotation of use of the ground water. In effect you can tell, the district can tell one landowner, you irrigate one day or one week or one month and somebody else will irrigate another time. Number three, the well-spacing requirements pursuant to Section 14 of this act. Also, allows for the requirement of the use of flow meters on wells. I think that some of you have discussed this with me in the past. You recognize that this is a distinct difference from what I have recommended in the past. The district may annually and shall once every three years review any allocations or rotation control to accomodate new or additional allocations or rotations. It is also under Section 15 the dissolution modification. There have been, I'll try now to answer some of the comments that have been directed towards the bill, both publicly and privately if I can in order to calm some of the concerns. Number one, the bill is designed to allow the Natural Resource District a management tool whereby they can manage the water resources of a district without going to a full control area. We have had a lot of discussion as to whether or not we had to have a control area and whether or not the control area could be implemented in time to conserve the resources. The management plan allows you to do that. But instead of basing the plan upon emotion, commotion, press reports, allegations or whatever you have, it is based upon known facts to use existing information, to use the existing information that has been accumulated over the years and we have a wealth of that. It does not mean to necessarily use some kind of an emotional story that is not based upon fact, it says you use facts that are available. Conservation-Survey Division, Natural Resource Districts, University of Nebraska, the Water Resources Commission, all of them have many facts available and you are supposed to make that decision based upon those facts. You are not required in any manner or means to expend large sums of money to develop new information. You use existing information and make your management decision based upon that information. The matter of the controls I think needs to be discussed just a bit. Controls are practically the same as you would have for a control area. You can . . . you allocate the total permissible amount of ground water based upon irrigated acres. There are some who have