

to put on one by one, I guess they can stall the process as long as they want to or get their ideas across, but to take each one of these separate, it is going to take more time that I have wasted right now. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kremer, did you wish to speak, before the Chair rules on this, speak to the matter of division?

SENATOR KREMER: Just for a moment, Mr. Chairman. Because of the comments that were made I...Senator Vickers, in no way I hope I didn't leave the impression that we want to push this thing through and railroad it through. I tried to lay the groundwork why this is an important bill, what Nebraska is facing today in relation to the states around us, what we are going to have to do. This is important and how we are going to manage and develop this resource. In no way do I want to do that. I did wish to emphasize this. To the best of my ability I tried to incorporate in the bill what little I had to say about it and give them out in the white copy so we can accommodate some of the committee amendments, Senator Beutler, and these were controversial in the committee. We agreed to talk to Senator Schmit and his staff and we're not anxious to be together on some of these things but we did come out with this agreement. We adopted these committee amendments and I've said many, many times, there is no such thing as a perfect bill. This is not perfect but we learn by experience and education and if we will take this bill now and do the best we can with amendments as we go along I think we can save lots of time, use a little experience, see what comes out of this and see how the NRDs perform under this new tool along with the one they are going to continue to use and that is 577 as we feel our way as we go along and I think down the road I'm going to promise you that Nebraska is going to be a leading state in providing food and fiber for the world. If I had a little more time, Mr. Chairman, I would give you a little further report on the Ogallala study and the map that I have in my office to show what we have in Nebraska. We are most fortunate. If we use some good common sense and go along rather slowly but surely, we're going to get there and I think this bill provides this other tool so, Senator Vickers, in a way I hope I didn't indicate that we're going to push this thing on through because I did not mean to do that. I thought I'd try to get back in this white copy what the committee wanted in the way of amendments, not all of them of course. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion about the division? I'll let Senator Beutler close and I will make a ruling.