

for this being drafted this way. If you want a pivot on every quarter section in the Nebraska Sandhills, then tell them this is the only way you can allocate it. You can't allocate it any other way and you'll probably get it but I don't think that is our job to do that today. I don't think it is our job to tell those local people, You can't allocate it any other way except this way. Now obviously I have some problems with irrigated acres and if it was...a control area or a management area was going to be established where I live I would want the authority and the right to go to my locally elected NRD board and argue my case for total acres instead of irrigated acres but I think my neighbor that might want irrigated acres should have that same right to go in and argue his case and let that local elected board make that decision based on what they think would serve the most people in their constituency within that area and I think the letter from the Upper Republican indicates that. Again, a district that has irrigated areas in their control area right now is telling this Legislature, you should not put that only in the statutes. Leave it up to the local elected board of directors and I cannot understand how my good friend, Senator Kremer and Senator Schmit, can promote only one type if they, in fact, trust the local elected boards to make that determination. So I would urge the body's adoption of this amendment to remove that language and then I have a subsequent amendment later on to other sections to hopefully address the allocations based on correlative rights and I would suggest to you further that irrigated acres only is not necessarily correlative rights but I will touch that a little bit in my closing. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: First of all, the particular philosophical question that Senator Vickers is addressing right now was discussed long and in detail by those of us that were interested in the bill that is before us, irrigated acres versus totally owned acres. Now we talk about totally owned acres. It can be interpreted several ways and I will try to explain it. The board, as I understand, could take a look at it in two different directions. They say, "We're going to give you for example, ten inches of water for the acres that you are going to irrigate and you own a lot more than that or you are irrigating and we'll also give you ten acres for every acre that you bring under irrigation in the future." Maybe it's another quarter of a section, maybe it's a half section, maybe it's two sections depending on the ownership