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SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and members, I rise to support Senator Hoagland's motion and would point out that the terrible things that Senator Kremer pointed out that would happen as a result of this amendment in his area I respectfully suggest to Senator Kremer that perhaps he is a little bit mistaken since this amendment deals with a management area and in the area that he refers to, if I am not correct, if I am not mistaken, it already has a control area established. This does not affect any of the control areas of this state at all, those areas that are in a position where the situation is already out of hand to a degree, if you will. The decline is too much. This will not shut down or cause to be shut down any of those wells in those control areas. This is simply an indication that this great piece of legislation that is creating these management areas, these people will be able to allocate or to set their goal based on what our own Natural Resources Commission recommends to us. It seems rather strange to me that the same people that have stood up on this floor many times saying, we shouldn't do things with water until the Natural Resources Commission tells us what to do because we are allocating all those funds to them, we are waiting for those studies, now when the Natural Resources Commission comes up with recommendations, the same people stand up and say, ignore them, don't do it because it is going to cause a lot of calamities out there even though we are putting it in a section of the statutes that is to be administered at the discretion of local people. I find that rather hard to understand.