

inches in places too. So I just can't imagine using that as a part of the statute in the bill. It just doesn't...I don't think any of us know what the aquifer is and when you talk about depleting it in a 5-year period, we know that we have depleted the aquifer in a 5-year period of hand running and then the next 5-years it built back up again. So this is one problem that I have with trying to define that. But I think we are picking at gnats on this thing and we have worked this bill with...the best minds in the State of Nebraska have worked on it that know about water. I wish we could proceed with it. We certainly aren't going to solve all the problems with 375, but I believe it is a tool that we can help alleviate the situation that we find ourselves in. And so I would hope that we could defeat this amendment and get the bill passed. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kremer, do you wish to speak to the Hoagland amendment?

SENATOR KREMER: Just one statement, Mr. Chairman. I want to answer Senator Vickers in a statement he made, and he is partly right, because when an NRD is under control it can exercise the authority to limit irrigation and things that they want, but there are certain areas in the NRDs that are under control....that are under the NRDs that are not under control, and that is what I was talking about. And there are other NRDs where no part of the area is under control but they are still getting a depletion that you have to shut them down practically speaking. Five or six inches of water will not produce a crop except on an exceptional year, so my answer to Senator Vickers is this. I made that statement with reference to part of the NRD that is not under control. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Hoagland, do you wish to close on your amendment?

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Mr. Speaker and colleagues, this amendment has been quite harshly criticized I think mostly for reasons that are wide of the mark and off the point. As Senator Vickers indicated, you know, we have been hearing for the four years I have been down here in the Legislature that we can't really do anything in the water area until we get these reports back from the Water Study Planning and Review Process. Well now we have a report that has come back from the Natural Resources Commission and let me remind you how the Natural Resources Commission