

on irrigation equipment is 20 years and in many situations you can get your money back out of an investment in 12 years and in some situations even 8. The NRD is still going to have a lot of flexibility to deal with these problems. There is nothing in 375 that mandates a management area. This restriction would apply only in management areas anyway. The territory that Senator Kremer is talking about is under a control area. Even if this 5 percent concept were applied in that area, there is enough flexibility to be sure that existing farmers are able to recover their existing investment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: You have a minute.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: I submit that is not a practical problem. Now again there have been a lot of allegations that this is impractical, that it is unworkable, and so forth, so on and so forth, that it erodes local control, so on and so forth. There is no agency in state government that is more conscious of having substantial local control at the NRD level than the Natural Resources Commission. I discussed earlier the composition and the rural orientation of that commission. You all have before you the comments and recommendations of the commission that explicitly say this is what we ought to do. Now people can stand up and say...scream that it is impractical and it is pie in the sky until the cows come home, but what those people are saying is that this four volume study that we have spent hundreds of thousands of dollars to have conducted by local oriented rural scientific experts and others around the state isn't worth the paper it is printed on. Those are the same people that were saying we couldn't do anything until the study was done.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Your time is up.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Now I don't think that makes sense. I think the time is here now to make an important decision on water issues. The commission says this is the thing to do. Let's go ahead and do it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, the motion is the adoption of the Hoagland amendment to LB 375. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Voting on the adoption of the Hoagland amendment. Have you all voted? Senator Hoagland.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: I would like to ask for a record vote on this issue, Mr. Speaker, and so people know I will do