

regulations, we have a public hearing. Some of the people in this body have been to those public hearings. The NRD adopts the rules and regulations and we live by them. If you don't like them, you go to court like it happened in my control area and you fight them. They fought putting on meters. One man said, I don't have to do it so he took it to court and they argued and they fought and the judge said, yes, you will put on meters. So I say, let's pass the bill. If it causes as many problems as people says it is causing, if those ranchers up there as Senator Lamb says are going to get up in arms and not like what is going on and if they have meetings and they take votes, if they don't want it, they can come to me and I'll help undo what we did but I think they are entitled to their day in court. They are entitled to try to do it their way so I would say, let's pass LB 726. Let's give it a chance. Let's give it a try and go on from there. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Cullan. We're going around the horn the second time. Senator Cullan.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President, first of all, Senator Haberman, Senator Haberman.

PRESIDENT: Senator Haberman.

SENATOR CULLAN: I would just point out to Senator Haberman that I know he likes Grant County but it is still in my legislative district and he can have it next year but don't start claiming it too early. I want to represent it as long as I can. This is a serious bill, LB 726 is, I think, a very important measure and one which does have considerable support in the Sandhill community and among the farmers and ranchers that I have visited with in the past, particularly since the start of this legislative session and I hope that we will enact LB 726. You know it's been interesting to listen to those who have got up to oppose this bill. Senator Schmit said that it was not a good bill and he said primarily because we're dealing in an area where we are not knowledgeable. Senator DeCamp got up and talked about the bill and said it conflicted with LB 375 but he didn't give us a single example of how it conflicted with LB 375. It is interesting when you look at the opposition to this bill and you look at the history of Senator Kremer's Groundwater Management Act. After my first year in law school I spent the summer reading the history of the Groundwater Management Act and I put together a paper which I just dug out of my file and I turned in at that time. I read the transcripts of the hearings. I read the floor debate on LB 375 and looked at the votes and one of the interesting things I noted at that point in time is that there was only one negative vote on Senator Kremer's