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in that local control concept. Recognize our rights as subirrigators. Let us protect ourselves." I think, Senator Kremer, you should reflect on this and I think you should support LB 726 because it is oh, so consistent with what you did in 1975.

PRESIDENT: Time, Senator.

SENATOR CULLAN: Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Before we go to Senator Burrows, the next speaker I would like to introduce a guest of Senator Harry Chronister, Mrs. Eldred Coufal from Schuyler, Nebraska, under the South balcony. Mrs. Coufal, would you stand up and be recognized. Welcome to your Legislature. The Chair recognizes Senator Burrows.

SENATOR BURROWS: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, I really think the real debate behind this and the concerns have not come out on the floor. I think it boils down to the Prudential buys as the rationale for most of those that have come in support of LB 726. I do not feel this measure is the answer. The Farmers Union currently is carrying a petition drive to stop large outside corporations, nonfamily farm corporations from buying farmland in this state. I believe that that is the answer and that that petition drive will succeed this fall. I think if LB 726 is carried that complicated rules that are unworkable are going to be worked out by local NRDs and they are going to find that outfits like Prudential will have the best attorneys to work ahead and go through with what they want to do whether this bill is passed or not. I think that ranchers that might go in support of this will find that they want to dig a single well that may be well planned on that ranch and that they will be the people that with a well planned law, find themselves caught in regulations that they never thought would happen when they proceed with the local subdivision and local township regulation. I don't think it is workable. We're going by township and I think you will find situations within a single square mile in the Sandhills that will show they justify the dropping of a water table and within a mile of that situation I think you will find situations that contradict it. I think the intents of the introducers of this legislation are most honorable but I do not believe that in a practical fashion that this piece of legislation is workable to the best interests to the farmers in the state. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Clark.

SENATOR CLARK: Mr. President, I call the question.