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groundwater, including those who use it for subirrigation. That is the basic concept of the bill. You may recall that back on page 12 of the bill we had another provision that caused some controversy. It was a provision that said that the district may adopt more restrictive controls in one township or another if the people in that township, a certain number of them owning a certain amount of property petitioned that they could have stricter controls within the township area. My amendment would delete that entire provision. It would delete the entire provision so that if you establish a control area, it is the same kind of control area for everybody. We want to get that out of the bill if it is going to cause controversy. It is not that important to us. What is important is the one basic concept of the bill. So, again, the amendment deletes a portion of the bill having to do with adopting more restrictive controls in particular townships. Thank you.

PRESIDENT LUEDTKE PRESIDING

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion on the Beutler-Vickers amendment to LB 726? Senator Beutler, I guess that is your opening and your closing. The question then is the adoption of the Beutler-Vickers amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record the vote.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the Beutler-Vickers amendment.

PRESIDENT: The motion carries, the amendment is adopted. The next motion on the desk, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Howard Peterson will move to indefinitely postpone the bill. That would lay it over unless the introducer agrees to take it up at this time.

PRESIDENT: Okay, what about Senator Vickers and Beutler, what...do you wish to take it up at this time? All right, they will take it up at this time so the Chair recognizes Senator Howard Peterson.

SENATOR H. PETERSON: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I have looked rather carefully at this legislation, visited with a number of people, and the more people I visit with the more concerned I am that we are doing something here that could very well damage a good share of the State of Nebraska. Had we had this legislation in place the State of Nebraska would not have at least 2 million acres under irrigation today that we have under irrigation in the Platte Valley. We start talking about wet meadows,