

Water Conservation Fund had to be set aside for that purpose. The NRDs have found that there is very good compliance and that they have had minimal need for mandated control efforts, therefore, they want to reduce from 5 percent to 2 percent the amount of money which they must set aside. Otherwise, they will have far too much money in this fund. And there were no opponents to the bill and I recommend that it be advanced.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Any further discussion? If not, the question is the advancement of the bill. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of 906.

PRESIDENT: LB 906 is advanced. LB 907, please.

CLERK: Mr. President, 907 was a bill introduced by the Natural Resources Committee and signed by its members. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 3, referred to Natural Resources, advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill.

PRESIDENT: Senator Schmit, please.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, LB 907 brings about a needed change in the public power statutes. At the present time, of course, you recognize there are a multitude of public power entities and districts in the State of Nebraska. Because of the changing low demands and changing needs and changing situation in rural Nebraska, it has been determined that a consolidation of one or two or more districts may be desirable from the standpoint of service to the customers and efficiency and overall recognition of changes in load demand and service. At the present time we need to change the law so that this consolidation can take place with a majority vote of the members of the board of directors of all of the participating districts. There are two districts now that are in the process of merger. I would hope that this would encourage additional districts to merge and bring about additional efficiency in the area of public power. I move for the advancement of the bill.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Any further discussion? If not, the question is the advancement of the bill. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.