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revisited on a timely measure. The reason I say that is there may come a point in time when the NRD and the groundwater conservation districts are not working together. For the time being they are. I think five years is a reasonable extension, see what they are doing and then in '97...

SPEAKER BAACK: Time.

SENATOR MOORE: ...we can come back in and introduce the bill again, but don't go for three years, it just makes it too quick to come back in.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Moore. We'll now proceed to Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members, I rise in support of the committee amendments and against the bill. I personally feel that...I've been here 13 years. I don't know how many times we've done this extension and I understand Senator Moore's argument about the virtues of this process, but when we went to the NRD system back in the mid-seventies, there was this lone exception made as we consolidated any number of different entities across the state to try and get a workable groundwater and environmental local system in place to deal with these issues. But the idea was that these would be phased out, and I don't know, I guess I'd ask Senator Johnson or Senator Moore or if somebody could tell us how many times have we extended these entities and how many more times will it go on, and now we have a deadline coming up of January of next year. I think we set the deadline, we've extended it several times, let's just move on with it because we'll just be arguing this again in three years or five years or three years and five years beyond that forever. And it seems to me the point had been made early on, time had been given to phase out and there just doesn't seem to be the tracking of what I think was the original intent of the NRD legislation. So I do think three years is better than five, but in fact, I'll vote against the bill because I think the deadline has been set and it has been extended several times. It might be time we finally accomplish what had been promised now for any number of years.

SPEAKER BAACK: Next we go to Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I would just like to speak briefly in support of the committee