

it will happen before next session, Senator Bernard-Stevens?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Senator, I don't know, to be honest with you. Again, this piece of legislation will not affect that one way or another. It's very permissive and it does not attack the one man, one vote issue. There has always been a question and it's been more brought out because of the merger hearing that was in front of Senator Johnson and the committee that you're on, Natural Resources, a very serious question that's been posed about one man, one vote, and the question has always been proposed to the Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District on how do you justify Adams County having 3 board members out of 12 when they don't receive any services, and if it...if...so, consequently, should they be on there or not? The question of one man, one vote comes up if that applies to Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District then Adams County would obviously have to have more representation so they would have more than the others, yet they receive no services. There is an equal argument, legally, out there that...one that I tend more and more to agree with, that the one man, one vote does not apply in Central's particular case and if that is, indeed, correct then Adams County could stay on in its present form and they can make other changes. That's why, Senator, that I enter...because there is a question mark there. That's why Senator Johnson, on his committee, and I, through the Government Committee, have put in the resolutions to really specifically look at that. That would not only look at what things are now but also could affect any changes that may or may not happen.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK PRESIDING

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Hartnett. Senator Elmer.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. I thought I'd elaborate just a little more on the changes that have evolved over the years since the irrigation district was formed and one of the reasons that this is a desirable thing. Of course, Lake McConaughy, after its construction being filled, has become a center of recreation and many permanent residents live around and are directly impacted by that lake and how it's operated. Along the canal system, we have South and North Platte, Lake Maloney, which has a large community of people that