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brings me back to the purpose of 108 and how I believe 108 fits into the history of Nebraska. To me 108 is nothing more and nothing less than a natural extension of the responsibilities of our natural resource districts. And I want to take a page out of history, if I have the time, it's a 1975 publication, talking about a history of Nebraska's...

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR BROMM: ...natural resource districts, and I'll probably have to finish that when I speak again. But let it be said that in 1969, this legislative body went through and passed LB 1357, which created the natural resource districts as we know them, and there was no less controversy than there is now. And the public meetings and the concerns about abolishing 154 special purpose districts that we had out in the state, the concern was great. A number of public meetings were held. The process they went through was maybe not even quite as extensive as we've gone through on 108. It certainly didn't cover as much time, but they went through a very extensive public process with input as well. And the final vote was 29 for forming the districts, 9 against, and 11 not voting, and they did that September 18, 1969.

SENATOR CROSBY: Time.

SENATOR BROMM: This is an extension of what happened back in 1969. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Bromm. Senator Dierks, on the Brashear amendment.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you, Senator Crosby and members of the Legislature. I'd like to ask Senator Elmer a question, please.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Elmer. Senator Elmer is not on the floor.

SENATOR DIERKS: Okay, I'll wait for him. Senator Beutler, would you respond to some questions, please?

SENATOR CROSBY: He's coming.

SENATOR DIERKS: Here's Senator Elmer.