

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. Senator Beutler, I just don't know how I could possibly support this amendment. I was just down in Oklahoma the weekend and down there their forward thinking Governor had just taken \$100,000 from his Disaster Relief Fund and in cooperation with Oklahoma State University they were going to embark on a cloud seeding project to try to create rain in Oklahoma. Now, with this amendment, that...this will put Nebraska behind Oklahoma in spite of what our football team's been able to do. And it seems to be somehow un-Nebraskan and un-Big Red to do away with cloud seeding opportunity to Nebraska when verily as we speak they're preparing the planes to fly in Oklahoma. So I'm going to have to reserve judgement on this, Senator Beutler, till we take the vote.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. Senator Elmer.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Senator Withem, members. I have in the western part of my district several individuals that are actively trying to put together one of these districts. I don't know that they'll be successful. I don't know that they will be able to get people so succumb to a little more property tax when they're already exiting the state to buy land in Colorado because of the property tax we already have. But in the weather modification programs themselves, they have been successful in North and South Dakota, in lowering the incidents of hail. And where they're doing them there have significantly lower hail insurance costs and statistically higher rainfall. So they are working. But I do think that Senator Beutler is correct in that we should weave them into the tapestry of our NRDs as they are probably now being characterized. And one of the multitudes of functions that the NRDs have, they're really starting to look like quite an array of individuals that have multitalents in those NRDs. But this is probably a proper amendment at this point. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Elmer. Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Mr. President and members. Senator Beutler, I, too, am going to take a serious note on this. It's your thought that this would be a proper function of an NRD without more enabling legislation, if they're so desired. By my idea is that these might be somewhat productive as some are. I'm not sure of the validity of their actions, but, in terms of