

amendment that's passed around to you. I just want to take the opportunity to make a few comments about the legislation. You know, of course, that Nebraskans First and the Farmers Union have been very instrumental in bringing opposition to this legislation. I have a great deal of respect for those people. They have been very dogged in their determination about control of ground water, the reason being, of course, that they are ground water irrigators. And they have...their interests are very basic. And you have met some of them...some of you have met some of them today. They're interested in protecting their own property and their own property rights. And they feel threatened by this type of legislation. So I just want to make sure that the understanding is that we have an agreement with this, with these two amendments combined that I think will move the legislation along and it maybe precludes some more filibuster and that sort of delaying tactics. I think that's of interest to all of us. And by the same token I want to indicate my thanks to these two organizations for their support for me during this debate because I think they did exactly what their...their constituents, their membership, asked them to do. With that I would relinquish any further time that I have and ask your support for these two amendments and let us move on with this legislation. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Dierks. Senator Dierks, your light is next, do you wish to continue to speak? Senator Elmer.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Madam President. Having been involved in this legislation for many years and being the senator that represents an area that very possibly may be called upon to demonstrate the workability of this act, I have felt very compelled to do what I felt was the very best for our constituents in the whole state as well as those in my district. The amendments that have been offered do not impede progress in Senator Schrock's or my district toward resolving issues that may or may not have severe consequences on our districts. And as such, in recognizing that in the rest of the state, without any exception that I could think of, there will be any reason to call upon LB 108 in the immediate future, I see no problem at all in accepting the amendment, delaying the second part of the act until January 1 of 1992...1999 for the balance of the state. As to the second part of the amendment that Senator Dierks has offered, I think that it shows that the conversations that we