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SENATOR VRTISKA: Okay, but you made the comment that this dam could be moved and it wouldn't be as large and it wouldn't be recreation and wouldn't have to close roads. Is that correct?

SENATOR BEUTLER: The dam could be moved? Is that what you're saying?

SENATOR VRTISKA: Right.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, I mean all dams could be moved, but the NRD, through a series of explorations by the engineers and the water people and the whole process that they normally go through, has made the determination, with respect to this dam, as they have with the other 18 that they've built in the area, that this is the appropriate place for the dam in order to maximize the flood control benefits.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Well, the whole question, of course, when it narrows down comes down to the question as who's in charge of the county's affairs, is it the NRD, or is it the county board? In my opinion, I guess, being somewhat prejudiced, being a county board member for a long time, it becomes a question then of who's going to take charge and who's going to make the decision? In this case I guess the county board, at least on a 2 to 1 vote, have made the decision that they don't want that dam built there because you talk about expansion, you talk about the influx of people, when you close roads it certainly has an effect on the amount of people that might be moving into an area if the roads are closed. I've seen where roads have been closed and it has an effect on the area because of the inability to have transportation in and out of an area. And I think this has been pointed out as part of the problem on this particular...on this particular project. But to me it comes down to a question of, again, are we going to allow the NRDs to be the function that's going to control the destiny of the county, or are we going to leave it in the hands of the elected officials who are county board members? I think that's the prime question that I'm...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.