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project; let them decide what the balance should be. Let the court decide whether the closing of the roads was, in fact, very important or not important at all and the benefits of the project were important. So it's not a situation where what's being suggested is that the counties be totally ignored, nor is it being suggested that there is only one way of doing things. I passed out to you an arbitration provision. You could work with a mediation idea. But I'm just sorry that the committee chose to work with no ideas, and to give the message that important recreational projects can be shut down by any one county. This is a problem that arose in the context of a specific situation. But I think we're just kidding ourselves if we don't think it's going to arise again in future situations, especially if you announce to the county officials that all they have to do is refuse to shut down the roads and they can get whatever changes they want in an NRD project. That's not good law either, and that's what the law is right now. NRD directors generally, do they support it? There's a whole lot to be said on that subject, but let me point out that the NRD directors representing over 60 percent of the people in this state did support it, do support this bill. And let me point out further that notwithstanding the fact that no attempt was made to stack this hearing, there are far more people supporting this project than oppose it in the Lower Platte South NRD. And next year at the hearing, if what is needed is numbers, I assure you that there will be far more numbers at the hearing in support of the project than against it. Having said all those things, I appreciate the time this morning that you've given to listening to this problem, I wanted to bring it to your attention in this way so that hopefully you know and understand that there is an unresolved problem out there that is major as far as the people of my district are concerned. And I think it's major for the people of eastern Nebraska; eastern Nebraska is going to develop rapidly. If you wait until it's fully developed to try to develop some recreational opportunities for the people in eastern Nebraska, it's going to be too late. Senator Jensen well knows how hard it is to do these things once there are large numbers of people in an area. You have to do them with some foresight and some vision. I started to point out to you before and you saw the article in the paper that Cass County is developing very rapidly now. The people of Cass County themselves will shortly be asking us for more and more