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from Senator Jones?

SENATOR SCHROCK: Yes, I will.

SENATOR JONES: Yes, I looked it over and I think everything is all right on it. I just got one question that I think that it might come up, and I think we should talk about. There is always a line where there is an NRD and there is not an NRD, and that line just might be a fence line or whatever. But if the same landowner owned it on both sides, would this keep him from pumping water and putting it across the line into the NRD district? And I think we've talked about that a little bit, but I think it wouldn't hurt to have a discussion on it.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Senator Jones, depending on what the decision of the NRDs involved would be. It could prevent it from doing that, but it doesn't...but if the NRDs would approve of it, then he could do that. And I think here is one of those issues where we need to trust our local NRD boards. I think that's what we're doing here. I think sometimes when they do...when our NRDs do enact a moratorium, it feels kind of helpless, or kind of feel like the law is being circumvented when someone tries, what I call, an end run. Now if it's the same landowner and let's just say part of the tract is in one NRD and part is in the other, I would think the NRDs would be very reasonable and work with him, with the property owner on a situation like that.

SENATOR JONES: Thank you for that answer. And I think that's true, too, and I think they can work with the NRDs and work out something. The beauty of our NRDs out there is because they are landowners, just like we are, and they're neighbors like we are. So I'm going to support this amendment to the bill. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Jones. Any further discussion on the Schrock amendment? Seeing no lights on, Senator Schrock. He waives the opportunity to close. The question before the body is adoption of AM1017, offered by Senator Schrock to LB 619. All in favor of the motion vote aye, opposed nay. We're voting on adoption of the Schrock amendment to LB 619. Have you all voted who wish to? Voting on amendment AM1017, offered by Senator Schrock. Record please, Mr. Clerk.