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a blend of one and the same, I think. I mean, there are interpretations. Each one could represent one another. And I think the valid point is, maybe we need to define "flood" for this purpose. Secondly, the...just let me restate the core of why I am in favor of...with removing NRDs and storm water. Again, this is a bonding process that can happen in a meeting of any local entity, and can happen with a majority vote of those people, and can happen without the public's full knowledge and full understanding. Now, once that public entity is...has completed that approval, there is a 30-day period. And if 15 percent of the voters in that area...by the way, if it were an NRD, if it were the Papio-Missouri NRD,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR MINES: ...that would incorporate not only Douglas County, but Sarpy County, Dodge County, and Washington County, and Burt County, and Otoe County. Dakota County. Dakota County is in that as well, you're right. So it's a large number of people. Fifteen percent may not seem like very much, but in that broad spectrum, it really is...could be an obstacle to having full public interplay. So with that, again, I support LB 217, support the amendment. And how much time might I have, Mr. President?

SENATOR CUDABACK: None, Senator. I'm sorry.

SENATOR MINES: Thank you very much.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Beutler, followed by Senator Smith and others.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature, let me back up a little bit, in the sense that I oftentimes seem to get into a topic without indicating generally where I stand on the whole matter. I think this is a good bill. And there are some balances here that are going on that I think we all should talk about. Because one day, some of your...if this bill passes, some of your constituents are going to come and say, well, why didn't we get to vote on that; we usually get to vote on that. So you...we all best be understanding the bill and how