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is moderate that regulation. I'm attempting to do it in a manner which will be equitable to all property owners in the state. Now if you take a look at the amendment once again it requires that if controls are adopted, and I think they will be and that we won't be sitting on our hands, they must first look at the allocation system, the well spacing system and the rotation system before a board of natural resource districts, with the concurrence of the director of water resources can impose the control of drilling. They can only control it for one year at a time, therefore, you are not establishing a damaging precedent for water law in this state which will have far ranging and negative effects upon the state. The solution is here for the problems in Southwestern Nebraska. It may be a little more cumbersome than they like because they have to prove that they continue to have a problem each year. However, that is the sort of check that we should have for all the people involved throughout the state. I would caution you that if you do not strike the Lewis amendment and impose in fact this substitute language you are going to shock, when they find out about it, many dry-land farmers in my district and throughout the state. They're going to conclude, and rightly so, that while they weren't watching we passed enabling legislation for the great Nebraska water robbery. That's what it amounts to. We don't need that sort of all time, more than one year moratorium. It's true you can take it off as Senator Lewis proposed. We need this careful year-at-a-time imposition of controls proving that other methods will not work. Therefore, I urge you strongly to return LB 577 to Select File for the specific amendment that has been the subject of discussion.

PRESIDENT: The question is shall LB 577 be returned to Select File for the specific amendment. Record your vote. Have you voted? Record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 10 nays, remainder not voting.

PRESIDENT: The bill is returned. Senator Bereuter.

CLERK: Now Mr. President, the motion would be the adoption of the Bereuter amendment.

SENATOR BEREUTER: Mr. President, colleagues, I think the bill was thoroughly debated. I would move for the adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: The question is the adoption of the amendment. Record your vote. Have you voted? Record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 10 nays, 13 not voting.

PRESIDENT: The amendment is adopted.

SENATOR BEREUTER: Mr. President, I move for the advancement of the bill to E & R final.

PRESIDENT: Discussion? The question is shall the bill be advanced. All those in favor say aye, contrary nay. The bill is advanced.