

consideration. I know that there were a lot of things that were brought out and I would hope that the body would not accept this amendment because I think it is premature and we have, if I can recall, at least five big bills this year that the NRDs do have a part in, chemigation, water quality control, and many of them, and they do serve a very fine purpose in our state, and I look at this as another way to maybe vanish the NRD boards, and if we start that, we have the ESUs and we have the school property and we just keep going right on down the list, and I urge the body to reject the amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Sieck, then Senator Landis.

SENATOR SIECK: Mr. President and members of the body, I don't have a great objection to the amendment, but if the feel is that the urban areas want to be more addressed, that I don't have any problem with because here in the Lower Platte South there is a very good working relationship with the urban as well as the rural senators and I think that is very, very important. I am real concerned about some of the urban people feeling that they are not getting their dollars worth. We all want clean water, and to clean this water up, you have to address the problem and the problem could be in the rural and it could be in the urban, and we all are in this together, not just the rural people. The urban people are in this too and it disturbs me to know that there are some urban areas that want to get out of the Natural Resource Districts. It disturbs me very much because they are in this thing together. They have to work at it and they have to work together not separate, and I feel that this Natural Resource District set up has been doing a beautiful job, and if this amendment clears it up, well and good. So I have no mixed emotions about it but I think it doesn't mean a whole lot to me because I think this information can be gotten. If anybody wants it, they can get it. It is just a matter of putting it in statute so that this would be available. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Landis, please, then Senator Smith.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, I can't recall exactly where in Gulliver's Travels Gulliver was when he dealt with the culture that really hated change and feared anything new, and it might be the Brobdingnagies but I am not sure that is right, but there certainly is an outbreak this morning of