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SENATOR KREMER: But these districts that they are reporting to are out of existence now since we've consolidated the districts under the Natural Resource district. So, there is nothing to report to.

SENATOR CARPENTER: You've eliminated the requirement of the law now to make a report to the Chief Executive of that areas.

SENATOR KREMER: That's right.

SENATOR CARPENTER: And who wants that--

SENATOR KREMER: Because we do not now have Soil and Water Conservation districts anymore, we have Natural Resource districts.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Well, but don't they--sure, that's right. But you eliminate the Natural Resource from making a report also. And I don't think we ought to eliminate that. They ought to report to somebody.

SENATOR KREMER: Well, if you want to hold the bill, Senator Carpenter, we'll check into it. I'll certainly be glad to work with you on that.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Well, I have a great deal--to be honest, I have a great deal of question about the lobbying and the various other things that goes into these districts, and I want them to be subjected to as much broad publicity as possible and it seemed to me that this amendment in this bill eliminates their necessity to make any report to anybody except themselves and I don't think it's right.

SENATOR KREMER: But Senator Carpenter, if you'll read that language and go over it with me as I read it. "Natural Resources Commission must", it's on Line 7. on Page 5. "Natural Resources Commission shall" then we strike " as other spending agencies of the state of Nebraska, on or before the first day of December of each even numbered year, certify to the Governor the number of districts in operation in the state of Nebraska, together with the request of Head Commission for the appropriations of the said districts out of funds in the State Treasury by the Legislature for its succeeding biennium." These districts are not in existence anymore so why report about how many there are. We do not have Soil and Water Conservation districts anymore.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Why shouldn't the Natural Resources make a report to some--

SENATOR KREMER: The law says there are twentyfour. We already know that. There are twentyfour Natural Resource districts and it is unnecessary to report how many because the law says how many there are. You see that's the difference.

SENATOR CARPENTER: But you don't--as I understand this section, it requires, for example, of you to make a report.

SENATOR KREMER: There is nothing to report.

SENATOR CARPENTER: As agencies do.

SENATOR KREMER: But, Senator Carpenter, there is nothing to report. We have twenty four districts.

SENATOR CARPENTER: I don't care if you've got 98.

SENATOR KREMER: I know but the law says, so you can't change the law unless the law is changed. You can't change the number unless the law is changed.

SENATOR CARPENTER: As I understand it and maybe I'm wrong, then as the law used to be you had to report the --