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PRESIDENT: Motion fails.

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: We are now on the bill. Now who wishes to speak on the bill itself? Senator Frank Lewis, did you wish to speak on the bill? Senator Frank Lewis requests speaking on the bill and then Senator Kelly, in that order. The Chair recognizes Senator Frank Lewis.

SENATOR LEWIS: Mr. Chairman and members, I apologize for being late. I was on the phone with a person that votes in Bellevue so I want to show you where the priorities are. Mr. Chairman, there is several of us who have had some informal discussions about the issue at hand and I think there are some unclear issues that I would like to be cleared up. First of all, let me state emphatically that certainly that the committee and those involved in water control ought to be commended but there are about four questions that I would like answered and I have had them answered in two or three different ways here on the floor. So, Senator Kremer, could I ask you four questions that I think might clear up some of the issue at hand? First of all, how many control areas are there in the state now?

SENATOR KREMER: Three.

SENATOR LEWIS: Are those established by a vote of the people?

SENATOR KREMER: It is a process and I will be glad to give it to you if you want it.

SENATOR LEWIS: But the people do not vote to establish them. I heard once that they did and then I heard again that they didn't.

SENATOR KREMER: Perhaps I should go through the entire process.

SENATOR LEWIS: Well, I think for people's benefit that might be helpful.

SENATOR KREMER: The people, Senator Lewis, have their input at various meetings and hearings approaching the control area. It is a process. I will briefly go over it with you if you would like.

SENATOR LEWIS: Okay, well, someone here told me that it