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areas if Senator Cullan is correct and allow those to pay for the control areas that are directly involved or, number two, bring the state in and put your money where the mouth is and appropriate four or five million dollars extra money to take care of some of the issues if they are more than simply trying to protect the interest of individuals within a control area. I am the first to admit....

PRESIDENT: One minute, Senator Lewis.

SENATOR LEWIS: I am the first to admit a lack of knowledge in terms of what we are doing right now but I submit to you that I am not alone in terms of this issue, in terms of this body. I would doubt that the expertise is very deep on this kind of an issue and I think that particularly it is a major important financial bill dealing with probably the number one problem in Nebraska and that is water. I certainly do not intend to try to scuttle the efforts here but I do intend to before the bill reaches the next point of debate to do a little more homework in terms of the issues at hand and who can be involved and who cannot be involved and the process for involvement in terms of the levying of property tax and so, Senator Kremer, I certainly would appreciate some private time with you in terms of this issue and a chance to discuss it.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. President, colleagues, I would have some questions of Senator Kremer.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kremer, would you respond?

SENATOR KREMER: I will.

SENATOR KELLY: The purpose of these questions is to have a dialogue for clarification of what the changes are in LB 26. I spent quite a bit of time on Public Works Committee and I am familiar with the water law as it affects underground in critical areas and I want to be sure that we have a record for the NRD's to follow of what it is we are intending to do with LB 26. Senator Kremer, I would start on page 3, on line 8, for your explanation to the body of what is meant by development and utilization. I recognize this as a very definite departure from historical reasoning for critical areas.

SENATOR KREMER: Senator Kelly, there are three major areas of change in the bill. All the other new language