

criteria be included and in our previous legislation there were other criteria, Senator Schmit, that were included and the committee rejected those additional criteria because the committee did not believe that this was the appropriate time to expand the scope of the Natural Resource Districts with respect to control of water too much. One example that comes to mind quickly is that the Public Works Committee rejected the concept, Senator Schmit, that the NRD's consider the relationship between surface water and groundwater as a criteria for establishing a control area. We felt that we did not know enough about that one particular issue and so we rejected that as an expansion of the control of the NRD's. So there are several things that the Public Works Committee has rejected and we are coming in only with those things that we believe are absolutely essential as additional criteria for expanding the authority of a Natural Resources District. I think it is important that you pay attention on Section 1, not only to the new language but to the language which has been deleted for in Section 1, in the first subsection, we add that additional criteria relative to dewater an aquifer and the other language is pretty much the same. We still use some words that bothers some people.

SPEAKER MARVEL: One minute.

SENATOR CULLAN: "Reasonably foreseeable future" or reasonably foreseeable needs is another term that we use and what we are saying there is that there is going to be have to be some judgment exercised by that locally elected board of the Natural Resources District as to what may happen in the future and I think that is important. So we are depending upon their good judgment and I spent all this time talking about Section 1 and I will talk again about other sections in the bill but I think that this section is written well. We have redrafted this section numerous times prior to submitting this bill. I think it is in workable form and as far as Section 1 is considered, I don't see that there would be any objections to this. If there are I hope that they are raised but I am personally very well satisfied with this particular section after a good deal of discussion within the Public Works Committee. I think it has been explained adequately and I hope that we do continue this very useful discussion of LB 26.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair now recognizes Senator Burrows and then Senator Hefner, then Senator Merz, then Senator Kelly, then Senator Murphy and then Senator Koch. Senator Burrows.