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the appropriations discussion as to whether or not the Natural Resource Commission should get their full request, I can assure you that votes on this bill will be remembered. I can assure you that urban legislators from Omaha, from Lincoln, and from other communities such as Columbus look at the lack of sensitivity in the Resource Commission towards urban needs in making its appropriations decisions. Now Senator Goodrich offers what I think is a small change. I think in fact that a per population basis certainly could be argued or half population, half watershed. I think we could go much farther than Senator Goodrich and I would think that if some accommodation is not made, ultimately much more radical proposals will be introduced and will be passed. So I support Senator Goodrich in his effort and I agree with Senator Lewis that in the long term and in the short term votes on this bill and the composition of this commission will determine a lot of other decisions, especially those in the area of appropriations.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Sieck.

SENATOR SIECK: Mr. President, and members of the body, I am one of those rural Senators but I am going to support Senator Goodrich. I feel that maybe we are on the right track. I did not support him a year ago, but after a lot of study, I do find that we can use another member from the urban area on the commission. The Natural Resource District Board by a vote of twenty-one to two favored this member on the commission. In other words, the Natural Resource organization does support this, this move, but I am a little disturbed at Senator Fowler's remarks that the Natural Resource Districts haven't done anything as far as municipalities are concerned. They have done a lot of work in the municipalities. The City of York has got a beautiful park today because the Natural Resource District helped finance it and helped build it. The City of Utica has got a beautiful ball park because the Natural Resource District helped finance it. The City of Lincoln has got a lot of work done in the City of Lincoln because the Natural Resource District financed it so I have to disagree with you that we are not helping the municipalities but I do feel that it is all right, in my book, to have a representative from that area and it is a known fact that the representation from the Papio watershed has been from the rural area and the City of Omaha would like to have representation on this also. So I move to support Senator Goodrich.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Wesely.