

of a minimum of restrictions and regulations. As I have travelled across the State of Nebraska, as I read my mail I find that people want less government and not more government. They want less regulation, not more. They want fewer restrictions, not more. I know that there is a concern and I share that concern about the declining water table in certain parts of the state. I want to point out to you if you will check out the records and check them thoroughly, you will find that those areas where we have serious water declines have poor aquifers. They do not have the supply of water that we have in other parts of the state. It is similar that you might....to over simplify the thing. . . .

SPEAKER MARVEL: Thirty seconds.

SENATOR SCHMIT:it is similar to trying to draw a hundred thousand dollars out of a bank account which you have only deposited \$10,000. You are going to draw out the ten and then you are going to be out of money. It is the same thing here. I support the Lamb amendment, I think that it should be adopted.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Burrows, do you want to speak to the Lamb amendment?

SENATOR BURROWS: Yes Mr. Chairman, I would like to speak in support of the Lamb amendment. I think that the issue is really brought out in the word "trust" of the local body. This local body is a subdivision that covers multiple counties, the Natural Resource District some of them are operating quite functionally and in a very well organized manner with a cooperative attitude to the farmers and in other instances when they get a little extra power they like to show it. At this point the way the bill is I have no way but to go down I can't understand the penalty clause that was stuck on the bill, and if we can't soften it some with the power that local authority has, there is no way that I can support the bill. I wholeheartedly support the Lamb amendment because I think that we ought to go very carefully with guidelines for these Natural Resource Districts and leave them in a cooperative basis working on this thing with the farmers rather than giving them all the muscle in the world to do whatever that manager decides. In these large areas, often the Board of Directors are friends of the manager, the majority of that board, and what he says rules the roost. We have created potential little dictatorships out here. Now the area that is covered when it comes to an election is so big and there are no funds spent, no active campaigns generally happen in a Natural Resource District. We have the potential of the manager running roughshod. Now, I don't mean to be overly critical with all of them because