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the final say-so, Senator Vickers, in the bill. What I am saying is if you are going to give control to the local NRDs, then let them say yes or no to the permit instead of to the state. So I would say, fellow Senators, maybe we are hasty and making mistakes and we ought to take another look. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Before we continue, underneath the North balcony as guests of Senator Chronister, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Kramer and Mr. and Mrs. Herschel Peters of Schuyler. Would you stand up so we can say good morning to you? I think it is important to indicate to you that in order to even come close to handling LB 643 I think it is incumbent upon the Chair to try to let everybody speak who wants to speak but you don't come back a second time until everybody has had a chance to speak. Otherwise, we are either going to have to limit it this way or the fact of the matter is we just simply will have to cut off debate after a certain length of time. Otherwise this will take all day. So with those remarks, Senator Hoagland, do you wish to speak to the committee amendments?

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Mr. Speaker and colleagues, I would just like to make some brief remarks in opposition to Senator Lamb's amendment. Now I think it is clearly the time to bite the bullet on water this session. For years and years and years, the Nebraska Legislature has been promising action and it has been a long, long time, it has been since the enabling act for the NRDs was established that we have gotten anything major done in this area and that was a long time ago. Now make no mistake about it, Senator Lamb's amendment strikes to the heart of this bill. His amendment will take out twenty or thirty percent of what makes this bill a valuable worthy bill to pass, because what his amendment is going to do is it is going to take away the authority of the NRDs particularly in the sandhill areas to control the wanton development of our resources there by unlimited center pivot irrigation. Now I am sure all of you yesterday received this series of articles that Senator Koch passed out that was published in the World Herald from Thursday... on Thursday and on Friday and a little bit yesterday. Now these articles are worth reading and these articles explain in detail the difficult problems we are having particularly in the sandhill area with nitrite pollution, with blowouts and with the major erosion that accompanies unwanton, excessive center pivot irrigation up in that area and the article explains in detail about how developers are coming in there. They are buying eight, ten, twelve sections. They are bulldozing off the top of the sandhills. They are taking