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requirements and require metering of wells before a control area is established. Fourth, there are six of these altogether, six principal items....it will allow an NRD to enact regulations applicable only to specific portions of control areas in accordance with variances in natural conditions, and on the request of 51 percent or more of the landowners within that particular area to adopt more restrictive groundwater regulations for that area than for surrounding areas. Fifth, it would request.... allow an NRD to request a hearing for a neighboring NRD when conditions in the neighboring NRD affect conditions in the requesting NRD. This was to address the situation where there was a water problem that overlapped into two NRDs. It would allow one NRD to request a hearing on a control area that would extend to a portion of another NRD. And lastly, it would allow the NRDs to regulate domestic wells with pumping capacity greater than a hundred gallons per minute. Again, I just wanted to tell you what they do and to repeat that these are the amendments that were approved by the Public Works Committee unanimously, and I hope....they had 24 votes last time around and we have eliminated one of the features that was objected to by several senators, so I hope you will stay with us this time around and give them a fair going over. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator DeCamp, state your point.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, there is no doubt that this essentially is the gutting of a bill. There is no doubt that this departs dramatically from everything that has been stated when it was advanced, when we dealt with it just recently. If anybody in this room would have to say, this isn't germane, I should suspend the rules to take this up, which he certainly has the right to do, it would be Senator Beutler. Sure it is about water, just like district elections are about repeals, but the issue is very clear. This is a major departure, a major bill, and at this late date if at any date, it definitely is not germane to the limited scope of 643 as stated in the intent of the introducer and the people pushing it. I would object to it being even remotely considered germane.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Do you have.....Senator Beutler, do you have any response while I am going through this bill? Excuse me? Okay, go ahead.

SENATOR BEUTLER: In all fairness to everybody involved with this bill, Mr. Speaker, I think that we should go back and remind everybody of the history of how this developed.

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