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basically well established. We are putting more.... looking to them more for regulations in the form that we are looking at our various soil, water, planting trees, things in this area. I think that it is time that we do allow the NRDs to go ahead and either purchase or build a building. I think that very definitely when I speak for my NRD, there are 21 members there, I think basically these are very conservative members. They have had ten years of experience. I think that it is time that we give them a chance to go ahead and build a building, and I think within the state there are only two that are looking at the possibility of building a building and I guess I would move the bill at this point.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Beutler, do you have an amendment to the bill?

SENATOR BEUTLER: I do, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Do you want to speak to the amendment?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Members of the Legislature, the amendment essentially does one thing. It provides for a vote of the people in order to build this administration building or headquarters building that is provided for in the bill. I might give you a little bit of history on this. The original bill ten years ago did have a vote of the people provision, an election provision, and that was deleted, but in its place was put in the provision that no funds may be used for construction or purchasing of headquarters or administration building, and Senator Nore said this, I have second thoughts on NRDs and one of them was, are we going to begin building mahogany castles for these conservationists? I thought that was interesting. At any rate, the amendment does provide for a vote of the people. The question could be put to the people at a general or primary election and there is a provision for a public notice of the election for three consecutive weeks. It is pretty much the standard election procedure that is in place for school districts and other public entities. As you are aware, school districts and many other public entities have the requirement for an election before they can construct buildings of this type or that type. Other types of public entities do not have the election requirement. The philosophy of the Legislature so far as I can see has never been entirely consistent on this question. But for myself, I prefer to have the election