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LB 385

SENATOR SCHMIT: That is correct.

SENATOR VICKERS: By the 24 member board.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Yes, that is correct, Senator Vickers,

SENATOR VICKERS: Okay, thank you, Senator Schmit. Coming from an area of the state where, as my father used to say, our land is tableland only it's laying upside down, I know the value of soil conservation and I certainly understand the concern of Senator Schmit and many other members of this body, myself included, in providing assistance to individuals to construct necessary soil conservation practices. However, I am a little bit reluctant at this point in time not having been able...I just started reading this bill this morning...having been able to study the ramifications of LB 385, and I compliment Senator Schmit on being able to get a bill of this nature and this magnitude on consent calendar. But I am going to have to study this considerably before I can really stand up and support the bill because of the fact that the language is in there about second mortgages and liens and so forth. At the present time under the Conservation Practices Act that we operate under now with the ECS and the development fund and the conservation fund and so forth, that the Natural Resource Districts administer, to my knowledge there is no lien put on their property, and I guess I am a little bit reluctant to get into a situation where there is such a lien put on. Also I am a little bit reluctant to get in...philosophically I have a little problem with the selling of revenue bonds in order to fund projects that I think the government should help fund, but it seems to me that I think Senator Schmit has got an amendment coming up in one of the appropriation bills, or Senator Kremer, one or the other, to put more funds in the development fund. And I would personally much rather see us put more dollars in the conservation fund to assist in this type of project. But I do just want to put up a slight red flag, Senator Schmit, for the members of the body that this is quite an act and we should be careful and cautious as we send LB 385 on across the board.

PRESIDENT: Senator Schmit, we are ready for closing.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well, Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I agree with Senator Vickers that it's a substantial act. I agree with him also and I am glad to know and I did know, of course, that he supports additional water for the conservation fund and the development fund. These funds, of course, are in addition to that and are supplemental to it. In regard to the provision for the lien on the property, there must be a provision for a lien