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what about those people right across the boundary who will not have a control area? Our use for water will be cut down by your laws but the other people using the same water will be unrestricted and that is not fair." All right, so what this amendment does, it says that an NRD that establishes a control area also has the power to request the Director of Water Resources to hold a hearing on the establishment of a control area in an area adjacent to the

lishment of a control area in an area adjacent to the control area which is in another NRD, so that we have a mechanism whereby we can make some adjustments as between NRDs. If we do not do this, then we are bound in the future to have numerous, numberless instances of discrepancies and unfair situations because of these jurisdictional lines which I repeat do not correspond with the aquifer boundaries underlying the jurisdictional lines. So this is to provide a mechanism for adjusting those rights. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Okay, he is going to...I am not calling the question.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Schmit, do you wish to speak?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, as I said earlier, one of the most certain ways to kill a bill is to hang enough on it, and if you want to keep doing it, it is going to probably happen and I am not threatening anyone. I just know that when you bring out an amendment such as the one you are talking about here today, we talked about the rights of the Natural Resource Districts to regulate the problems that lie within their own districts, and now we very casually discuss the necessity of allowing one district to infringe upon the rights of another district in so far as controlling underground water or any other possible foreseeable future, et cetera, et cetera, problem that might develop. If you were to carry this to the extreme, and I guess you just as well do that because that is the way government usually goes until the people finally get a bellyful and throw the rascals out, you can establish one Natural Resource District in the State of Nebraska and you can hopscotch and leapfrog all the way across the state. I think you need to recognize what you are doing. The Natural Resource Districts have not to my knowledge requested this kind of authority. I have visited with many of the managers. They do not see the need for such authority. Thev did not request it. I do not think that it was ever suggested in the hearing. I think that Senator Beutler is anxious to place some controls, and as he says, give another tool. Well, ladies and gentlemen, I think just the reverse