

greatest share of the Sandhill territory, Senator Lamb, Senator DeCamp, Senator Wagner. Senator Cullan, I think has advocated his residence from western Nebraska to Omaha and has never witnessed a real water dispute such as we have and have had in the area that I represent and where I live. We have...you talk about, oh, there is not going to be any trouble, the district is going to vote on it and you are going to settle everything and it will just be fine. You betcha. We have a drainage district in my area and I served on that district for some 25 years or so, and the only thing that ever split that neighborhood up was over water and drainage, and according to the way the bill reads and the way it is interpreted, anything you do to interfere with subirrigation is under suspect of being controlled. That is what it says. But why don't you listen to Senator Kremer, Senator Schmit, who has worked hard on this, Senator Lamb, Senator Peterson, who represents the north side of the Platte Valley in Hall County and all through that area and is very familiar with it, myself who have been at it for nearly 50 years now, and try out 375 and forget trying to push something that the Sandhill people that you have been talking to, many do not have any idea what they are getting into and I am sure that those people who represent those areas aren't about to take a chance of offending all those people that are their constituents. Why don't you look at the experts instead of those who do a lot of talking and don't know much about it?

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, every session Omaha has some problems, Lincoln has some problems, and usually the rurals listen pretty careful to you and do just about what you want. We will listen to both sides if you have a dispute and we usually try to work it out. Now most of the legislation that has been...I am going to use the word "imposed" upon the rural areas, has been by a group of Omaha and Lincoln Senators. And that is good in one sense because it shows you are concerned about us out there and concerned about some of the issues, particularly the water and the land. At the same time, I am not sure you always do it with all the information or all the understanding. It is awful easy to read a book, but it is something else to live out there. Now let me tell you one of the first things that occurs in the development of the Sandhills region. It is the least likely thing you are going to think of. The first thing is there is too much water and you drain the land in almost every case because there are all kinds of ponds, sloughs, whatever, and the first act is to drain land which already starts affecting the area