

I think it can be done. But as far as the present structure system, it's working and I think it will continue to work with the history that we have in our background. I thought I should bring these things out clear to you because I'm well familiar with them, but again, there was a lot of priorities here and all the directors recognized the priorities for the City of Lincoln and there is a tremendous amount of work done and it is still being done and I think we are all cognizant of the fact, I mean it should be done and it's necessary and the people are willing to support it. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Lynch.

SENATOR LYNCH: I would move that we call the question.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Okay, thank you, but it won't be necessary because there aren't any other lights on at this time. Senator Wesely, are you going to close?

SENATOR WESELY: You bet.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Thank you.

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. Speaker, members, I appreciate the opposition to the bill, it's not unexpected, however, I again urge you to consider voting for the bill to bring it back to life. I realize we've taken some time, probably about half an hour of this morning, but let me tell you the NRD election issue is no small matter and to take only a half an hour to discuss is not unfair. The issue has been before this Legislature and the courts several times in the past. It was brought before the courts in the mid-1970s. It was an issue raised similar to the ones we're raising today ten years later. A court in the lower level threw the case out, did not vote for it. It was not appealed, however, to the State Supreme Court. What we are considering today is to again perhaps initiate a lawsuit at some point to raise this issue and the reason is this. The NRDs are not the same today as they are ten years ago and that's why I want your consideration on this bill so we can not have to deal with this issue through the courts, but the reason is that ten years ago the NRDs were not like they are today. They were a much smaller entity. They didn't have the sort of financing capability or the broad powers that they now have. They have expanded. Their scope is much