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SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President and members, theoretically, Senator Vickers and Senator Wesely are correct. In fact, a number of years I had the position that they do, a number of years ago, and I think I had a kill motion on a similar bill. However, since that time I have been educated. Senator Kremer, Senator Rod's predecessor, had a big hand in educating me about this particular situation which does not affect my legislative district or most other legislative districts in the state. It seems that they do have a special circumstance down there where the conservation districts and the NRDs have worked out a system that they like and it works and both groups like it. It seems that it has a great acceptance among the local people and so what I am saying is, why should big brother, why should the state step in and say, hey, you people, although you have a system that works, we don't like it and so we are going to tell you what you can or cannot do. I have come to the conclusion that while in theory Senator Wesely's arguments that we don't need groundwater conservation districts is correct, but here is a situation where they've worked out a system that they like and they are willing to do it that way and it is not costing them too much. They want to do it. Let them do it. And so I would suggest that the kill motion not be approved by the body.

PRESIDENT: Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and members, I just want to clarify a couple things. First of all, I don't think a vote to kill this bill says that you are not concerned about protecting the groundwater of this state. I am a co-sponsor, along with Senator Beutler and Senator Schmit on a bill dealing with the nitrate pollution problems of this state. I also have heard the arguments that Senator Lamb just referred to. I served on the Public Works Committee with Senator Kremer. I came to an opposite conclusion, however. I, once again, want to remind you, and I think it will be interesting to watch the results of this vote, I would hate to think that those people who are going to not vote to kill this bill will come back later on and distribute some information showing how terrible we are because of our great overlap of government in this state, how many political subdivisions we have, how many government employees we have, if you are not willing to make the