

also considering the fact that the Upper Big Blue NRD is very much in support of keeping this particular conservation district and working with this conservation district to provide the best services possible in our particular area of the state which is a very heavily irrigated area and is a very big producing area of the state as far as corn and soybeans is concerned. I think the program, based on its merits, should be extended. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Wesely, you may close.

SENATOR WESELY: Okay, thank you. Mr. President and members, I, too, would apologize for taking so much time on this bill. It probably doesn't warrant it. But on the other hand, the reason that a bill that comes out of committee unanimously now is a subject of controversy is some of us have a memory. Some of us remember that this issue is not new and that the issue has been before us before and we have extended the sunset at least once, maybe twice before and have been promised that eventually these districts would be merged in the NRDs and yet it hasn't happened and it probably won't happen if we continue to extend the life of them. So I am suggesting that at some point, as in every other area of the state, we merge into one unified effort to deal with natural resources and to do away with these conservation districts and that would take place about a year from now and I think that that effort they are undertaking now could easily be merged in the NRD. Everything good that was said about them will continue to be done and we can have one unified effort there as we do in the rest of the state. It just makes no sense to continue to extend the sunset and continue these districts when there is no reason really, logically, to continue that effort. So I would ask your support for the kill motion.

PRESIDENT: Very well. The motion is to indefinitely postpone LB 124. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Members of the Legislature outside the Chamber, you might be interested to know that we are now voting on the indefinite postponement of LB 124. We ask your cooperation and record your vote aye or nay. Have you all voted? The motion is to indefinitely postpone LB 124. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Record the vote, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 7 ayes, 25 nays, Mr. President.