

PRESIDENT: The motion fails. The Chair has a distressing announcement to make of national and international importance. This just came in from Mr. Ed Howard of the Associated Press. Dateline Cape Canaveral, Florida. "The space shuttle Challenger exploded today as it carried schoolteacher Christa McAuliffe and six crew members into space. There was no indication of the fate of the crew but it appeared there was no way they could survive. It was the first such failure in 56 such United States man-in-space missions." Very sad announcement. Well, Mr. Clerk, what do we have next?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Vickers would move to amend the bill.

PRESIDENT: The motion is to amend LB 124.

CLERK: Senator, your amendment is on page 482 of the Journal.

PRESIDENT: There you are, Tom.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and members, Mr. President, in light of your announcement, these types of amendments seem rather small at this point.

PRESIDENT: I guess the world must go on. Go ahead.

SENATOR VICKERS: That's true. Back to the issue of LB 124, the body, obviously, has made the decision that, yes, we think that it is important to allow two levels of government in the area of conservation of the groundwater in one particular area of the state. Now, suppose there are those that are watching this debate that are wondering, well, why should somebody that doesn't have a groundwater district in their area, which I don't, be concerned about what might happen in another area of the state? Well, I would suggest that it is exactly the same thing that happens in the Congress and many other places, probably, in legislative bodies when you allow other folks to do whatever they want to in their area regardless of the cost because it doesn't affect you. But I would remind all of you our title is "state" and I think we had ought not to forget it. The amendment that is before you would say, fine, if that is the way you want to operate in that particular area, if you want to have a groundwater conservation district within an NRD