

SENATOR MARSH: The bill is advanced. We are now ready for LB 894. Senator Schmit.

CLERK: Madam President, 894 was a bill that was introduced by Senators Schmit, Beutler and Vickers. (Title read.) The bill was read on January 9 this year, referred to the Public Works Committee, advanced to General File. There are Public Works Committee amendments pending.

SENATOR MARSH: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the body, the committee amendment to 894 adopts several proposals to the bill which were proposed at the committee hearing, but it does not change the overall philosophy of LB 894. First, the time frame for the designation of the control area is shortened by reducing the 60 days for the Department of Environmental Control to review the action plan submitted by the Natural Resource District. Second, the definition of best management practice is clarified by deleting the reference to prohibition of certain practices but instead focuses on regulation and scheduling. Third, language is inserted with respect to the type of information the Department of Environmental Control Director must include any determination of the boundaries of the control area. Fourth, the amendment deletes the 60-day hearing requirement on management plans which are established by NRDs on a voluntary basis and provides for the Director of the DEC to consider the management plan of NRD before issuing the report required by Section 2 of the bill. Fifth, the amendment provides for the use of material other than the use of the University of Nebraska guide sheets by the district in providing information. Any other changes in the bill are minor and I would ask for the adoption of the amendment. I want to say again, the bill did not have any opponents. I believe this is the first time I've ever introduced a bill of this nature that had no opposition and had a broad base of support. I will outline those individuals after the adoption of the committee amendments.

SENATOR MARSH: Seeing no other lights... Senator Scofield.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Senator Schmit, I just had one quick question that I had jotted down here that I wanted to ask you about. Can you explain to me why the words "prohibition of practices" was deleted in the committee amendments and