

course, you don't have much local control when you have people running unopposed and I think we've seen the same thing with ESUs. You've all seen the ballots with...it says vote for three and there are three names on there and that's not local control and I'm sure that back in the seventies when ESUs and NRDs were created, I know this body well enough even though I wasn't here then and I suspect that somebody probably rose to their feet about every ten minutes and said we're going to have local control. That was the magic word. Now the fact is we don't have local control because there isn't voter interest. There isn't interest in running for these positions out there on these boards and there is no local control and I guess I, for one, am going to reject the blame that the Legislature did it. I don't think we're to blame for that. The fact that so many people don't know what ESU or NRD they are in, the fact that nobody runs for the boards or pays much attention, that's not my fault and I don't think that's your fault and I'm going to reject the blame for that. But I know there is a problem and what would look good on paper is local control, back when these things were created, has not, in fact, come to pass and I think that's a fact of life and we all know it if we stop to think about it. So, I'm not sure how I am going to do...what I'm going to do with Senator Hartnett's amendment, but I do sympathize with what he is trying to do and I may just vote for it because I think he is on the right track that some of these studies are going to have to be serious. The only way they are going to be serious is if there is a threat imposed and the only way there is going to be a threat imposed is something be in statute and there for all to see because these are two areas that need a lot of attention and they are not getting it now. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Schmit, do you wish to speak again on this matter?

SENATOR SCHMIT: I call the question, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do, and there are a number of lights on for speaking. The motion is to cease debate. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. We are voting to cease debate on Senator Hartnett's motion to return a bill to Select File for a specific amendment. Please record your vote. The motion is to cease debate on Senator Hartnett's motion to return 997 to Select File for a specific amendment. Please record your vote if you wish to vote. Record the vote, Mr. Clerk.