

is...is...if this is a system that needs to be mandated. I contend that it is not. For 20 years, 20 years the NRDs have been performing, I think, from state and national perspectives, admirably well within the authority that we've given them. They're pointed out to as being the system in many issues where soil and water conservation are discussed within the realm of their authority. Why change a system that has national repute? Why enforce a change that is not mandated by the courts, in fact is absolutely available to every NRD in the State of Nebraska. It's my understanding, and I could be corrected on this, that the reason that we have this issue before us is because the National Assoc...the Nebraska Association of Natural Resource Districts voted, at a recent meeting, some 62 to 54, or something like that, in favor of going to one on one. An effort that was pushed by one district, as I also understand, not being present, who is already one to one, which is fine. The Little...the Lower Big Blue has always been one to one. It works fine for them. Other districts have other systems. It's a matter of...of what we should be doing here, I suppose, but I fail to recognize why it is necessary to change a system that is working when, in fact, I'm aware of no great organized citizen protest, unless it might be here in Lancaster County with a controversy between some citizens on the board of Lower Platte South. But that's something that they can resolve on their own. They certainly have the opportunity to go one on one. I just...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR COORDSEN: ...cannot recognize the necessity, at this time, or at any time for that matter, in changing this process, which is a fairly minute part of what NRDs do, and most certainly is going to create a substantial amount of disruption within some areas of the State of Nebraska; not in my area, because I think they'll do whatever is necessary to compensate. But it's really a pointless effort on our part. It won't change, I hope, the role and mission of NRDs. It won't change their efficiency or their effectiveness, unless there are ulterior motives, of which I am not aware. I don't...I don't know of any, and certainly would not be willing to guess. But there must be a reason that this bill is with us. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. Senator McKenzie.

SENATOR MCKENZIE: Thank you, Madam President, members of the Legislature. I'd like to go back to what Senator Beutler said