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rising too high. Could we have more order in the Chamber, please. Excuse me, Senator Schmit, proceed.

SENATOR SCHMIT: I would like to ask Senator Frank Lewis a question. Thank you, Mr. President. Senator Lewis, is it your opinion that the Natural Resource Districts do have the authority to condemn property?

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Yes, sir.

SENATOR SCHMIT: And under this proposal, the money that you are suggesting the state appropriate would be allowed to be used in this kind of proceeding, is that not right?

SENATOR F. LEWIS: That is right.

SENATOR SCHMIT: So, in effect, we would be contributing to condemnation of land for habitat purposes?

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Not being an attorney, but I would assume that if it is a cooperative program with the NRD's, they would have the right to condemnation and that that money would be used for that.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Is there any way that we could insure that it would not be used in a condemnatory proceeding?

SENATOR F. LEWIS: I have nothing to do with that. My concern was, Senator Schmit, and the reason my amendment is up there is that they have suggested the fees are going to be raised to acquire habitat land, and I want to make sure that if they are going to do that, at least the money is used for that purpose and not other purposes. Senator Dworak might be an excellent person to answer that question on condemnation.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, then would Senator Dworak yield to a question.

PRESIDENT: Senator Dworak.

SENATOR DWORAK: Yes.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Senator Dworak, what is your understanding of the ability of the Natural Resource Districts to condemn land?

SENATOR DWORAK: Well, Senator Schmit, it is my understanding that they have the power to condemn land right now for certain purposes, conservation purposes, et cetera. There is no way this bill enhances or increases the power of the Natural Resource District. Only some programs that the Natural Resource District has now in the area of conservation, such as seeding or fencing or something like that, can this money be used with the permission of the Game Commission. This doesn't increase their power one bit. It doesn't give them one bit more of power than they have right now.