

SENATOR CARSTEN: Then this would only be included in their regular...the monies derived from their regular assessment that they are allowed. Is that correct?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Yes, or else the revenue is derived from that specific purpose for which the bonds might be issued, as I said, like a rural water district which might...which would have income from it.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Very good. Thank you very much, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Beutler, your light is on, did you wish to speak further?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Just a couple of questions, if I may, Senator Schmit. As I understand it, and correct me if I am wrong, the board of the corporation...

SENATOR SCHMIT: Yes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...is, in fact, going to be the association of natural resource districts. Is that correct?

SENATOR SCHMIT: There is one director from each of the NRDs that serves as a member of the total board of directors. There are 24 directors on this board.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. And being, you know, I think one thing that always sticks in the craw a little bit of the urban senators is the fact that ultimately these boards don't represent, in our opinion, as much as they should the urban areas. And are we not going through a process again of enhancing the power of these kinds of organizations? Now I don't have any problem with that really, I like the bill, I think they need flexibility. I don't know exactly what the purpose of the bill is, but I think it does give them flexibility. It gives them more flexibility for big projects which is fine, but do you think maybe it is time to talk about it a little bit again how these...how the basic underlying structure is chosen?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well, Senator, it is always time to discuss it if two people agree and I would suggest that it will be discussed. I think that eventually there will be continued pressure to go back to what Senator Wesely and some others