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a moratorium on drilling of wells the NRD is going to be sued. They are going to be sued and they are going to have to protect themselves for putting the moratorium on. They will need funds for this. They will not be suing the citizens. They will be protecting their decision. My district is in the middle of the water controls and we have a problem and the Legislature has said, do something about this problem. They are doing something about the problem and they might be getting into trouble and they need the funds to fight and to protect themselves. I would support a half a mill increase but I cannot support the three quarters mill increase. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: I think I will wait until closing.

PRESIDENT: You will wait until closing, all right. Thank you, Senator Kremer. We will go on to Senator Maresh. Senator Maresh, you waive... Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I had a telephone call this morning and it is one of many I have received in the past few days. I will be very honest that I have received a number of complaints about the position I have taken on this bill. A number of persons have called who let me know that they feel that the Natural Resource Districts should be allowed to double, triple or quadruple their taxing authority but I have also received more calls that have cautioned me that perhaps the present one quarter of a mill is substantially sufficient. I had a call from an individual who complained about the fact that he does not feel under the present system that they are getting the services that they received under the previous system. Now Senator DeCamp has raised an interesting issue and it is an issue with which I am somewhat familiar having lived in the lower Platte north Natural Resource District. I know that that district spent a substantial sum of money, more than \$60,000 I believe, to defend themselves against an action that was instigated that would have allowed for diversion of water from that district to another district. Now certainly I do not believe that any of us are interested in financing one lawsuit after another especially where one subdivision sues another and especially where they are suing the same type of activity that they are performing in their own area. One Natural Resource District suing another, cities suing cities, power districts suing power districts, certainly there comes a time when we must realize