

almost to challenge farmer after farmer after farmer at the expense of the individual taxpayer and certainly the farmer would be at a disadvantage from that standpoint, so I would hope that we would not at this time grant that kind of authority. Certainly we are going to be back here within a very short period of time and if necessary and they bring to us the documentations that they have a problem, certainly we can resolve the issue at a later date without giving the broad authority state-wide across the state to levy the extra taxing authority and so I am going to have to oppose the amendment.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I just wanted to reemphasize one small point that Senator Kremer has made before for the benefit of those like myself who do not come from a farm background. The increase in the tax levy that we are talking about in this situation is not the tax levy that applies generally to Natural Resource Districts. That is a one mill levy and that will continue to be the same whether or not we pass this bill. This bill only applies to the tax levy that is applicable to control areas and enables the districts to tax only those in the control areas. At the present time, correct me if I am wrong, Senator Kremer, of the twenty four Natural Resource Districts, only three have established control areas, so as far as the districts that we are possibly affecting at this time, there are only three who are involved. Now it is obviously correct that additional control areas can be established in the future but that process is not an easy process in my opinion and those who are faced with the possibility of a control area will know ahead of time what the tax levy is going to be or what the possible tax levy is that they are exposing themselves to and I assume that they will take that into consideration when they determine whether to establish a control area or not. Of the three control areas that are already established, as I understand it, the Republican is in favor of the three quarter mill levy, so really you are only talking about two areas, two control areas that presently exist that may be adversely affected, adversely affected in the sense that they would not want the levy but I have not seen any evidence one way or another as to whether the Upper Blue and Lower Blue are concerned about this particular issue. So, please keep that distinction in mind and the last remark I would like to make is that from my short experience in the Public Works Committee, it looks to me like we are really coming to the point where some types of controls are necessary and where you