

have to stop kidding around about whether you are really going to have them or not. Some types of controls are necessary and in order to have those types of controls you have to have the funding to enforce it. It is as simple as that and obviously it is a matter of judgment as to whether a half mill or three quarters of a mill is sufficient but in my opinion, I think Senator Kremer's opinion and the opinion of those that are involved in Natural Resource Districts should be accepted in that regard. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I just wanted to indicate that I had requested an amendment to be drafted for LB 26 which may not be prepared in time for actions this morning but what it will attempt to do is to satisfy the problems that are contained in LB 1 as well as the problems that some people are concerned about here which is the increase in the authorized levy and what it would essentially do is permit a vote by those residents within the control area for the increase levy from a quarter mill up to three quarters of a mill to be used only within the control area and at the same time and the same vote that would otherwise probably, might be required by LB 1 would permit them to establish the increase over the 7% and establish that increase as a new base for its operation. While I am reluctant to support any increase in property tax, it seems to me in these areas where there is only one or two perhaps control areas in the state that have a problem in terms of adequate revenue, that probably the facility that is necessary for those one or two areas ought to be provided and since they are going to have to vote anyway in all probability because of LB 1, at least as it now stands, this would allow them to accept that additional levy together with the exemption that would be required for LB 1. It seems to me that would be a reasonable solution but again, I will probably not be able to offer the amendment until it gets on Select File, presuming the bill advances today.

PRSIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Cope.

SENATOR COPE: Mr. President and members, I think we should consider one thing right here. Do we want local control, do we want state control or possible federal control and I think it sums up possibly in this bill. If we have local control we are going to have to give them authority and we are going to have to back it up with some money. Personally I think local control is the way to go, as near local