

as possible. Now I, from testimony we have heard, I guess there are some NRD districts that are not doing their job but that is the fault of the people in those districts. These are elective offices. They should be more careful who they elect to the boards. I speak for the Central Platte NRD district. We have a fine district. It extends from east of about Cozad clear down to Chapman. That is the Platte Valley. I think that the men in our district are doing a great job. I would hope that the other districts do as well. I certainly would back our district if we were to ask, would be put in one of the districts that are short of water. Second point, and I repeat what many people have said, this now pertains to only three districts. If they accept it, they pay the money, why should we object? Their future I believe, is at hand and I sincerely believe that the answer to our problems if the NRD's have the internal fortitude to do the job, is the answer. If they don't it is going to be the Legislature and do we have it? I don't know? Honestly, I don't. I put my trust in the NRD's and I support a raise in the mill levy.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Cullan.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President, this issue has been discussed in great length and I will not waste a good deal of time on it. I want to make two points. Senator Beutler and Senator Cope made so very clear, this is only a control area. This has nothing to do with bicycle paths and recreation facilities and anything else. This is simply for regulation of water. Now I don't know how Senator DeCamp drug lawsuits and how Senator DeCamp and Senator Schmit drug lawsuits and all these other things into it. The language is very clear. It is to be used for the cost of administering this act, period. That is it and this act has nothing to do with recreation, with habitat, with anything else. So let's keep that in mind when we vote on Senator Kremer's compromise. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Keyes.

SENATOR KEYES: I am almost tempted to call for the question, Mr. Speaker, but I do want to remind the people in this Legislature of one thing and during the special session, without the emergency clause, LB 7 got 34 votes. I am positive it is 34 votes. Now I can look across this Legislature and Senator Kremer is usually a pretty conservative man but he has got to realize that we have a 7% lid on an NRD just the same as we have it on anything else. Senator DeCamp talked about the valuation of the property, of the farmland going up 100, 200, 300, 400%. It makes no difference if it