

of water, that we had no worry about water, that there was no chance of it ever running out of water. Here two years later we are in a rut and I think I made this statement two years ago that we should be getting with something and do something about it. I debated his statement and I think two years later I want to take a little credit. I find that my statement was right and now how we going to do something without a tool. I sure am concerned about trying to get a job done without the proper equipment to do the job and to me that is the only way I have ever got something done right, was have the proper equipment and if \$300 is going to break this here irrigator, I think he was broke before. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The question before the house is the adoption of the Merz amendment to LB 26. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Senator Merz, you can't do it because there is twelve absent I believe. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 8 ayes, 21 nays on Senator Merz's motion, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Motion fails. We are now... Motion on the desk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Maresh moves to amend LB 26. (Read Maresh amendment found on page 616 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Maresh.

SENATOR MARESH: Mr. President, what this does, it states that the combined mill levy of the groundwater conservation district which was established in two areas, in Senator Kremer's and Senator Sieck's, Senator Schmit's and my district is one groundwater conservation district and the other one in Senator Haberman's district. These districts will be dissolved in 1982 according to LB 411 that was passed by the last session of the Legislature and they are allowed on mill levy on top of what we just adopted, the three quarter mill, so in these two areas the total mill levy could be one and three quarter mill. Now what this states that since they are both doing the same wrk, that the two combined levies shall not exceed one mill and since these people will be, these districts will be phased out and there will be board members to the NRD's to advise them on water conservation problems and methods. So this will just state that the total mill levy shall not exceed one mill. I move that this amendment be adopted.