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PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, a question of Senator Maresh, please.

PRESIDENT: Senator Maresh, will you respond?

SENATOR MARESH: Yes, Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: As I understand it, the Groundwater Conservation District is now authorized to levy one mill. Correct?

SENATOR MARESH: Correct.

SENATOR LAMB: And under the amendment which we just passed in the controlled areas the NRD would be authorized to levy three quarters of a mill.

SENATOR MARESH: That is right.

SENATOR LAMB: And your amendment would say that the combination of this one plus this three quarters could not equal more than one mill.

SENATOR MARESH: That is right.

SENATOR LAMB: Okay, I sympathize with your problem, however, I would like to know how mechanically this would work out because you have two separate Boards of Directors with the authority to levy a certain mill levy. In one case, one mill, in the other case, three quarters of a mill so how do you limit two separate boards to one mill without further definition in the statutes as to how that is to be carried out?

SENATOR MARESH: That is a good question because now we have two districts doing the same thing so what I am saying is they should work together to achieve the same goal so we should work together to decide who is going to do the monitoring of the wells and the groundwater conservation. So what this is saying, that they shall get together and decide who is going to do the monitoring of the wells because they are designed to do the same work.

SENATOR LAMB: Thank you, Senator Maresh, but I believe that your amendment needs further clarification because in many cases I presume that the two boards will not agree. They will not just mutually agree that we will give up our right to levy this mill and to do this work and so it seems to me