

unless there are people within the affected area, all of the people within the affected area voted their approval. I think it's important...extremely important, that we adopt this kind of an amendment, but I still have some reservations about LB 26, although, as I indicated last week, there is a considerable need for the bill, but I think it's important that we place some kind of restraint upon the ability of the Natural Resources Districts to levy these additional funds. You will see in the balconies and in the rotunda this morning, a large group of individuals who come principally from control areas presently existent in the state, and they have met with many of us this morning and have told us that they really do not need any additional money, at least, in a part of those control areas. I think that when we have this kind of an expression of concern on the part of the people who are affected, that it well behooves this Legislature to take it into consideration and to act accordingly, and most certainly I think that Senator Cullan and Senator Warner and I hope that the majority of the members of this body will agree, that when we have one group of people after another coming before us asking for more money, we have a reverse this morning, a group of people who have come before and said we do not want more money, we really don't know how to spend the money you have already given us, and would you please place some restraints upon the ability of the governing body to spend money, then I think it just makes good common sense that we write those restrictions into the statute, and that we do it this morning. I hope that others will speak to the issue. And I know that there are others here who have some concern about the Upper Republican Natural Resource District control area not having sufficient funds, but that is a very small area, and one which, if we follow the provisions of this amendment, can satisfy the needs of their people if the people determine that those needs are actually in fact there. I would ask that Senator Cullan address the amendment also, and hopefully perhaps Senator DeCamp, and some others who might have some ideas on the subject, because I think it's a very important amendment, and one which certainly reflects the wishes of the people, and normally I do not like to go to the problems of a vote of the people for this sort of issue, but I think that we are talking about the expansion of taxing authority to such an extent, that to require a vote of the people is most important in this instance, and if the people, not the Natural Resources District Board, but if the people who are going to pay the taxes, are in favor of it, then I have no objections. That is all, Mr. President. I would ask for the adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes first Senator Cullan and second Senator Dworak, third Senator Frank Lewis and then