

lid to the Natural Resource Districts and their expenditures in this control area. So, not only do they have to vote to authorize the increased levy, but once that authorization is made, and that base is established, then they would have to vote for increases beyond seven percent, beyond that base. I think that adequately explains the amendment. It includes both Legislative Bill 1, the seven percent lid concept, as well as the vote required to initially establish the increased mill levy beyond the one-quarter mill. I think this is a workable compromise. I applaud Senator Schmit for taking this action and bringing these amendments to us.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Dworak.

SENATOR DWORAK: Mr. President and colleagues, I rise in support of Senator Cullan and Senator Schmit's amendment. I think that it's very noteworthy that the Legislature again is reestablishing its desire in its intent to live within the seven percent lid that we put on in the special session. I think that this is as important for Natural Resource Districts in this area as any other area. I think we are justifying to the people our sincerity in trying to hold down expenditures. I think that this a proper step and would urge the adoption of this amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Frank Lewis.

SENATOR LEWIS: Well, Mr. Speaker, I certainly rise to support the Schmit-Cullan proposal. I think a number of us have expressed our concern, particularly in large areas, particularly the urban areas, of blanket authority to levy three-quarters of a mill more, which was a substantial increase in terms of the authority level for a very specific problem. I think a number of us have already been informed of the fact that in some of those control areas there is a substantial problem, but the overkill with twenty-six was a little too much. It was providing F15s to take care of a very, not minor problem, but certainly a smaller problem. There was too much authority in the bill in terms of the situation. The Schmit amendment certainly puts that in controllable levels and I rise to support it.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Koch. The Clerk will...Senator Koch has an amendment on the desk to the original amendment to LB 26. The Clerk will read the amendment.

CLERK: Senator Koch moves to amend the Cullan amendment on Page 2, Line 8, after "a" insert "legal", and in Line 12 strike "two" and insert "six".