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we will see. There has been one request and that is all so why don't you go ahead.

SENATOR KREMER: Mr. Speaker, as I said in the beginning, I will try to outline for you very briefly the ten major provisions of the bill. Then we can go into the details and go to the page, if you would like. Number three provision, it provides that the legislative intent...it is the legislative intent that groundwater control areas can be requested because of potential conditions, now get the following part of the sentence, based on available information. In other words, if there is a potential of a problem, it would be a factor indicating why an NRD could call for a hearing. Number four, and this is LB 643, it would authorize the issuance of a late permit for wells constructed without a permit. In other words, the present law now provides if an NRD is under a control, no well can be drilled without a permit. Now there have been several wells drilled without a permit due to misinformation or not understanding or because someone else thought that someone else was asking for the permit. It would allow for a late permit. Basically, this provision is made because a well costs from three to four to five, six thousand dollars and just because you were a little late to get the permit then you would have to not use that well, you would have to drill another one at an additional expense. There also is a penalty, I call it a penalty, attached to it. It would cost this late permit I think a fee of \$250. Number five, it would authorize Natural Resource Districts with control areas to adopt when requested by the land-owners groundwater withdrawal controls for some areas which are more restrictive. Now this comes out of an area in the western part of the state. There were those living in a certain township that said we feel that the rules and regulations adopted by the NRD are not restrictive enough. In other words, they may want a greater well spacing or they may want a less appropriation of water. This would allow them to do that providing that fifty-one percent of the voters in those townships would vote for more restrictive...

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kremer, Senator Schmit has a question. Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I would like to ask Senator Kremer, do you intend, Senator Kremer, to go through the explanation again tomorrow morning, section by section, or is this going to be the only explanation we get on the bill?