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not have the funds to do this at the present time, so they have asked me and I ask you to give them permission to be able to levy up to a half a mill, which means it would give them permission if they needed it to raise one-quarter of a mill more in just the critical control areas of the NRDs in the state. If we are going to have controls, and if we are going to do the job properly, the NRDs have to have the tools which means they have to have the money, which means they have to have the personnel to get the job done. There is no need for an NRD to go out and be hardnosed and pass good legislation and try to save water and to, on a local level, do a hard thing. They have denied some people who wanted exceptions to the rules. My local NRD is doing a good job. The vote was unanimous and I ask you to give the NRDs in the critical control areas the authority to raise the mill levy an additional quarter of a mill if they need to do so. Thank you very much.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the Haberman amendment. Is there any further discussion? All in favor of the Haberman amendment vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Where is Senator Haberman? Okay, record the vote.

CLERK: 17 ayes, 19 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of the Haberman amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion lost. What is the next amendment?

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment is by Senator Merz. It is on page 1782 of the Journal.

SENATOR MERZ: Mr. President and members, this is a very simple, little amendment. It just identifies the subdivisions that are involved in the water. Right now we have the munies and the villages and such. This elevates the rural water districts and the natural resources that supply rural domestic water supplies and provides that they apply for and receive a permit from the Director of Water Resources. This would not affect the landowner's rights to receive compensation or damages to his property. I move for the adoption of this amendment, found on page 1732. (sic)

SPEAKER MARVEL: All in favor of the Merz amendment vote aye, opposed vote no. Voting on the Merz amendment to 643. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Have you

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