

more knowledgeable, but you did not touch on the implementation of this, the responsibilities of various entities and how they, from the application, move on forward to the control after the application has been granted, and that true process. I think this is a major piece of, as Senator Johnson has said, a major piece of legislation that we are now structuring, that we are going to be amending, improving upon and so forth, as we move down the years. But can you, very briefly, say or explain to us whose responsibility is what, where and when, and who has the final analysis of this whole thing?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Yes, Senator Carsten, I'll try to be brief. On Section 21 it provides the system for the initial application for a permit shall be made to the district with the payment of a \$30 fee, and the district shall issue that permit based upon the information that is available to it in the permit. Once that permit has been granted it may be renewed each year upon payment of the annual renewal fee and the completion of a similar form which lists the names of all the chemicals used in chemigation the previous year. I want to stress one more fact, and that is that if the district is not complying with the responsibility then I think under Section forty, about the latter part of the bill, Section 44 or 45, there is a provision whereby the DEC directly takes over that responsibility for a period of one year, and the natural resource district must make application to have that authority regranted or reinstated back with the district.

PRESIDENT: One minute of Senator Carsten's time left.

SENATOR SCHMIT: But I want to emphasize that Section 21 and 22 deal with the method for application and the issuance of the chemigation permit.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Basically then the local NRD is the center or the main part of the implementation, but the ultimate rescinding of or cancellation of whatever, is done from the state level. Does that have to be with the approval of the local NRD?

SENATOR SCHMIT: No. The local NRD may rescind the permit if there is a violation, or reason to suspect that the...that a threat does exist.