

have is that we could see various NRDs...

SENATOR MARSH: One minute.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: ...setting all kinds of different standards and having a lot of problems. I'm going to run out of time, but I want to ask you one more quick question, Senator. On the funding provisions you have made a lot of good points about cost and funding and so on, I think I'll just turn my light on and try to come back with these because it is going to take longer than you have, but I have some real concerns about how we're going to fund this and I think I'll let some of the other people talk and then I'll come back and raise those questions. Thank you.

SENATOR MARSH: Senator Rod Johnson.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Madam President, members, I would like to ask Senator Schmit just one question, please. Senator Schmit, when a water quality protection area is established how does that impact the, in this particular case, a farmer or farmers in that protection area? Would that prohibit their ability to utilize pesticides, herbicides, fertilizer, that sort of thing?

SENATOR SCHMIT: It doesn't prohibit as we've indicated in my conversation with Sandy, Senator Scofield. It does indicate that if an area has been designated as a ground water management and protection area, that there needs to be best management practices brought into play to minimize the amount of contamination that can occur and those best management practices are going to be determined by cooperation between the individual and the NRD and possibly the Department of Environmental Control.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Okay, one other question on the basic decision of citing where these special ground water quality protection areas will be located at. Why does the DEC director decide that and not the Natural Resource District or maybe the Natural Resource Commission people decide that?

SENATOR SCHMIT: There has been a lot of conversation over the years, Senator Johnson, relative to lack of, I guess you might say, enthusiastic enforcement of what we lay down to be standards and I suppose that, and I'd have to draw upon my memory just a bit here, but I believe the reason we did