

in the 19th Legislative District that I represent. I enjoy visiting with them from time to time, visiting with their manager and also with their board members. And, with this bill, the local board still has control of expenses. I am sure that every NRD board isn't going to raise their levy as soon as this bill is passed. And those senators, and I understand that there are some in here, who have problems with NRD boards and managers, I would suggest to them that they set up an appointment with their board, attend a board meeting, discuss the problems that they had, and try to work with them. I think that if we want to accomplish some of the goals that we seek, we need to sit down and work together and not against one another. And so, at this time, I would urge you to override the Governor's veto on this important bill.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Lamb, followed by Senator Marsh.

SENATOR LAMB: Well, Mr. President and members, I am happy to be able to speak immediately after my friend, Senator Hefner, because I want to tell you how wrong he is. I am...I am not supporting the override. That is consistent with my position on this bill all the way along. This bill, as you know, was heard in the Natural Resources Committee on which I serve and I opposed the tax increase there and at every stage on the floor of the Legislature. Now, Senator Hefner has circulated a sheet here which says, 75 percent of the people favored a slight tax increase to try to solve the water problem. Well, I also circulated this with my comments on there which, to me, this says the override is not necessary. If there is a big number of people out there that are willing to support a tax increase, they can do it under the present law, because the vote of the people is there available for them if they wish to increase the lid on the NRDs. Now, philosophically, why do we put lids on subdivisions of government? Why do we put lids on subdivisions of government? In almost every case I can think about, we come back and later we rescind the lid, we increase the lid, we don't stand firm on the lid. Lids, I think are put in there to make a situation palatable in the first instance. They say, well, look, we're going to put a lid on here, there is only a certain amount of money going to be spent, yes, so there's not much of a problem here. And it makes it palatable to get the bill or the issue accepted in the first instance. Then the normal procedure is to come back later, say, well, we have to increase the lid for one reason or another and so that's the way it goes. Now, I don't think we should do it that way. I think we should stand