

And then beyond that you can tax everybody else in the district to help fund that control area right now, if you so choose, and assuming that your NRD is not up to their overall levy limit. When this bill was first filed they came in and said with regard to these special control areas, no more taxes on them. You won't be allowed to tax the special control areas at all, and no additional tax on the district as a whole. That's the way the bill originally came in, no tax in the special control area, and no higher tax for the district as a whole. And then when it got in committee it said, with regard to the control areas, we'll go along with you on that, no more tax on the control areas, but as far as the district as a whole is concerned, we'll increase the authorized levy by a half a penny. So that's what the committee amendment says. So, what you have before you right now in the committee amendment says we're going to increase...we're going to allow the whole NRD district to increase their levy in order to take care of this specific problem in this specific area, and we're not going to allow any taxes, any special taxes on the people within that area. Now, what my amendment does, so that you understand where we are exactly, it would change it so it would be like this, for the people within the special control area it says we will give them...we will allow the NRD to tax those people within that control area an additional, an additional cent and we will not allow you to increase the levy for the whole district. And what that basically keeps in place is what I thought was a compromise that we had made years ago as between...as to how these problems were going to be cleaned up, that is as to the sharing of responsibility. The theory of allowing a special tax in a special control area is that those who have caused the problem should bear more of the responsibility for cleaning up the problem. But we wanted to leave some flexibility. We said you don't have to pick up...you don't have to take all of the responsibility if, within the NRD, they want to shift over and use districtwide funds to assist you in cleaning up the problem, they can do so. They have that current authority and they would have that authority under my amendment. But what my amendment does is to say to the NRDs, we're going to keep the responsibility at least partially on the people within those control areas, and they're going to pay a little bit more than everybody else in helping to clean up the problem. Now for those of you who come where there are sizable urban populations, this makes a big, big difference because, obviously, in some districts, if you allow this mechanism that the committee is suggesting, then almost all of the cost of special control districts is going to be paid out of the urban