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LB 287, 26

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried. The bill is advanced. Do you have any amendments to LB 26 on the desk?

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 26. Read title. The bill was first read on January 4. It was referred to the Public Works Committee. The bill was advanced to General File. There are committee amendments pending, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kremer is recognized for the adoption of the committee amendments to LB 26. Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: Mr. Chairman, members, there are four committee amendments. I will attempt to explain them. Amendment #1 deals with the subject that if an NRD or any part of it goes under control, it provides that no adjacent area or no contingent area having perhaps the same problems shall be brought into the designated area except by consent of this additional area. #2 will provide the law will do what is now being done by practice. In other words, if you would turn in the bill to page 8 and note the language there, you would probably be able to read it to say that after sixty days if there has not been response to the Director's order that an adjacent area be brought in that he could so do without their consent. This would take away that doubt and say that it could not be brought in without the consent. #3 strikes language that is really obsolete, namely, intangible property, saying that it can't be taxed and intangible property cannot be taxed by law now. So it strikes that language. #4 is corrective language that refers to a section rather than to language and it makes a better statement. I move the adoption of the committee amendments.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY: Ladies and gentlemen, I don't know how many of you have gone back and researched the origination of the NRDs. They used to be a rather simple local county operation. We had drainage districts that were entirely self-supporting. They assessed their own levies for the work they did. Then we decided to create the NRD whereby any improvements built would be assessed to those properties who benefited by that improvement which certainly could not offend the rest of our constituents. Then somehow bureaucracy got into it and now the counties are all assessed one mill. Now my own county this past year had a very substantial increase in the valuation of that county and I, of course, being a trusting soul knew that the NRD would reciprocate by dropping their mill levy proportionately and there you go because the increase was 20% and the mill levy assessment dropped a whole 5%. Now I don't know about you but I think