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subdivisions of government to run rampant with their taxing authority. I move the adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kelly, do you wish to speak to the amendment? All right. Senator Schmit, do you wish to speak to the amendment?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Yes, Mr. President, I rise in support of the amendment for some of the same reasons given by Senator Murphy. I think it is apparent to all of us who are aware of the responsibilities of the Natural Resource District that if you review the statutes, and I had copies of those made only yesterday to remind myself, that they have broad authority and broad responsibility in the area of soil and water conservation, but in far too many instances to satisfy myself, that responsibility has been expanded to provide for areas of responsibility which this Legislature, at least in my opinion, did not encompass when the legislation was adopted. If we expand the taxing authority at this time, we are flying in the face of the public's mandate to restrict expenditures. I recognize there are some areas where serious problems exist but we have already expanded the ability, and I shutter when I read the bill. We have expanded the ability of the districts to encompass areas far beyond that which is actually a control area, and when you have done that, you have for all practical purposes already expanded the taxing authority of the control district. There are areas that are going to be included in that control district which are in no way threatened by a shortage of water, and when we do that, we have expanded the taxing authority already. I rise in support of the Murphy amendment and I certainly hope that this Legislature does not reject it.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Lamb. Do you wish to speak to the amendment, Senator Lamb?

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I rise to oppose Senator Murphy's amendment and I do this because I am not sure that he understands this completely but this extra money is just in the control area. It is not for NRDs in general. It seems to me that water control is going to be an important issue in the years ahead in Nebraska and that we have to face up to the fact that somebody is going to have to have some control over the water use in the state in some areas where it is a problem. Now as this bill has been drafted, control areas are delineated and there is a certain procedure by which control areas are developed and then when the control area has been developed, the NRD is charged with the responsibility of deciding how