

control area considerably larger than is necessary simply to have the tax base that they want to fund the controls and I think that is wrong. I don't think they should include portions of Dawes and Sheridan and Sioux County in a control area to solve groundwater problems in Box Butte County. The idea of the control area, the idea of having the tax just in the control area....

PRESIDENT: One minute, Senator Cullan.

SENATOR CULLAN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. ...is so that those people who are affected pay for it, and what is going to happen if we do not expand the authority to tax in that control area is that they are going to make the control areas considerably larger than necessary just to get the funds to implement the controls that are absolutely necessary. So I think we are making a mistake and we are spreading the burden on people who should not be paying the cost of controls if we adopt the Murphy amendment. In addition to that, well, I don't have enough time to make a couple of other points so I may speak on this later, but I think it is a very important issue and I think if you want to retain local control of groundwater, you are going to have to give the Natural Resource Districts the tools to properly implement those controls and I will raise two or three points later but my time is expired. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: That is right. The Chair recognizes Senator Sieck.

SENATOR SIECK: Mr. President, members of the body, I stand in opposition to Senator Murphy's amendment, and my reason is I think there is a little confusion here. I do feel that this amendment is just talking about the control area and raising the quarter mill up to a mill levy. Some of the thoughts that were brought out that the Natural Resource Districts are doing things that they are not required to do, I do feel in the control area that they are...they have got their work handed out to them and it is going to be real difficult to implement the groundwater control area in the Upper Blue area which I represent in the next year or two with a quarter mill levy. If we are going to have to monitor the irrigation wells, check the meters, which is going to be required by 1980, I just can't see how they are going to be able to do this with a quarter of a mill, and I don't think that they should use the mill levy that they are now using for the operation of their district in getting conservation on the land, building pits and reservoirs which they are doing with the mill levy which they are now getting. I feel this is real important to them to