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wells in the middle of the irrigation season, and on and on and on. These things are not true. This is not what this bill does. I'm making...I am proposing an amendment to the bill that does two things, it strikes out the section that deals with the metering of wells at this point. The other section strikes the proposed increase in mill levy and leaves it at one-quarter of a mill where it now is. Now I do this for several reasons. One of them is this...there is today so much uncertainty as to what's going to happen in the way of valuations, so much uncertainty of what's going to happen to LB 1, LB 285. Everyone seems to be confused. So I'm willing to back up for the time being and have a new look at some of these things. I'm going to propose to the Public Works Committee that we go out in these areas and we discuss very thoroughly with everyone that's affected with any kind of legislation, what do you want to do? We have given this responsibility to the Natural Resource Districts, and in no way do we want to hurt their operation. I believe they're going to do a good job, so we will propose going out and talking these things over with the people that will be affected. I continue to maintain that there are areas in the state that are in deep trouble, especially as we think about the unforeseeable future. So having made those statements, Senator DeCamp, I'm on your time, I will propose those amendments to the bill that will do away with the sections having to do with the meters and also the increase in the mill levy. Now if the rest of you have amendments up there, if you wish to pull your amendments in lieu of these, it's your decision to make.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, have the amendments been read?

SPEAKER MARVEL: Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Yes, sir, they have.

SENATOR SCHMIT: The amendments basically restore the mill levy to the...

CLERK: Excuse me, Senator, I have not read Senator Kremer's because yours are pending.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well, if Senator Kremer has amendments to offer, I am ready to withdraw my amendments, and with the consent of Senator Cullan, if Senator Cullan consents, and I believe...I visited with Senator Cullan and he intends to