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have a Kremer amendment, and the Kremer amendment reads as follows: (Read amendment as found on Page 972 of the Legislative Journal.) That's offered by Senator Kremer.

SENATOR LEWIS: Senator Kremer, do you wish to speak to the amendment, the Kremer amendment?

SENATOR KREMER: Mr. Chairman, I've already explained the amendment exactly like I said, it does strike the section that has to do with meters and the section that has to do with increasing the mill levy. That's it.

SENATOR LEWIS: You've heard the Kremer amendment. Senator Maresh, do you wish to speak to the Kremer amendment?

SENATOR MARESH: Mr. Chairman, I support the Kremer amendment, and I had a lot of opposition to this bill from my district where we have groundwater conservation districts. I attempted to take their part to levy a one mill levy, and the body refused to take that off. I opposed the bill, but now with this amendment on there back to one-fourth of a mill, and taking the meters out of the bill, I see nobody in my district who will oppose this bill as written, so I support the Kremer amendment.

SENATOR LEWIS: Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President and fellow colleagues, with great respect to the wisdom and experience of Senator Kremer, due to the confusion and the misunderstanding that's going on outside of the Legislature, I rise to support Senator Kremer.

SENATOR LEWIS: Thank you, Senator Haberman. Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, I rise to support Senator Kremer's amendment, because I think that LB 26 is a good bill, and with these other amendments that we have adopted, I'm afraid that the bill would not move on. What LB 26 does is clarifies and strengthens the provisions of the groundwater amendment act, and we need this. We need to establish these control areas, and we need to monitor them. We need to control the boundary lines, and we need to talk about the duties of the NRDs. I think that Senator Kremer made a wise move by dropping back on the requirement of the meters, and also in taking away the increases in the mill levies. In my particular area we do not have any control areas,