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It now leaves it at one-quarter.

SENATOR KOCH: They now have the...they now have the privilege of one-quarter of a mill?

SENATOR KREMER: If they're under a control.

SENATOR KOCH: If they're under a control?

SENATOR KREMER: Yes, sir.

SENATOR KOCH: Secondly, you are striking on Page 7, require the installation of measuring devices on wells as may be necessary.

SENATOR KREMER: Senator Koch, the reason I do that, in reading the bill the areas that are now under control... or that go under control already have the authority to install meters. This particular section of the bill said that the director could call for the installation of a measuring device for informational purposes, and I'm persuaded that they can do that now on a voluntary basis. There's many irrigators that will install an irrigator, they have in my whole area and all that information is available, so actually we don't need it too bad right there.

SENATOR KOCH: I may be incorrect, Senator Kremer, but isn't...that's voluntary when they do that presently, through AGENTS, or something of that nature.

SENATOR KREMER: That's right. The only place that isn't voluntary is that when an area is under control and the rules for regulation, and the enforcement of the rules, if they say meters, they've got the authority to require them to be placed on the well operating.

SENATOR KOCH: Those are the questions I wanted answered Senator Kremer, and I thank you. My concern was, and still is, whether or not, if there is a critical area that has been identified, that they can, indeed, install measuring devices, because without those devices, I wonder what we've really accomplished. But if you say they can, they have the power to do it once that control area has been established as critical, then I'll accept that. I'm still concerned though about striking the additional mill, or part of the mill, when I look at the Upper Republican and find that their land values are very limited. I wonder how they are going to be able to carry out programs