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that may be absolutely necessary. Now the point would be, do they go to the vote of their people then to exceed for that purpose, or just how are they going...that's another question, Senator Kremer. Will they go to the vote of the people in that control area then to exceed, to get the revenue necessary in order to carry forth a program which has been approved and established?

SENATOR KREMER: You're asking that as a question, Senator Koch?

SENATOR KOCH: Yes, I am.

SENATOR KREMER: It would be my opinion that they could go back and take part of the one mill that they can levy for operational purposes and use that for enforcement, and see who would like to. I do know that the Upper Republican is limited as to the amount of money they can raise with a one mill levy for operation, and a quarter of a mill for enforcement measures. What I am proposing here is that we just let this thing rest now until we know what happens to evaluations, what happens to LB 1 and what happens to LB 285. We're not certain. Everyone is so confused about what's happening down here in these areas that I've come to the conclusion that it might be best to leave this thing as it now is.

SENATOR KOCH: Thank you.

SENATOR LEWIS: Senator Siecke.

SENATOR SIECKE: Yes, members of the Legislature, I wish to approve Senator Kremer's remarks, when he said that this is a bad time to have legislation in this area. I do feel that we're having lots of rainfall and when we're doing something like this, our people are opposed, and I felt a lot of opposition to this bill, and I also feel that the area that I represent is doing an excellent job in education, and one of the people that was to my office the other morning, he said I've got a scheduling program. I'm using meters. I've only used seven and a half inches of water this past year. Now if our people are doing this, and can get it sold with the quarter mill levy, I would highly endorse their progress, and I do appreciate what they're doing, and I don't want to do anything to jeopardize that program. I do feel that the NRD, and the Upper Blue NRD is doing its utmost with the educational process that is needed to bring the control of our underground water, and so I feel that Senator Kremer, in his objection at this time...objective, it is proper, and I would ask all of you