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bill, it doesn't cover a very large area of the state but the people in these districts never had the opportunity to vote if they want to have this extra levy on their property and it was done by petition just before the NRDs were formed. Now the NRDs are doing the same kind of work to conserve ground water and I commend the ground water conservancy districts for doing this because we do need water conservation but do we need two agencies to do the same work? So what my amendment says is that the issue shall be placed in each district whether they shall continue to exist.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Lamb, then Senator Kremer.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. Chairman, I rise to support the amendment because I really believe that without this amendment the bill should be killed because as I see it these ground water conservancy districts are a duplication of services now that we have the natural resources districts. They have the same responsibility basically that the NRDs are now taking in most of the state. So it seems to me that Senator Maresh's amendment is a valid amendment. The local people should have the option of deciding whether they want this what amounts to double taxation, duplication of services in these few areas in the state which have a ground water conservancy districts.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: Well rather reluctantly I oppose the Maresh amendment. I will try to tell you why. It means again the expense of going to the ballot. I have an amendment up there that would reduce the allowable mill levy from one mill to one half a mill or put it in cents, the same thing. Now in my opinion there is not a duplication. The NRDs are going through a transitional period of time and need support and we are talking about the existence of the counties that now have by petition formed ground water conservancy districts and they are in two of the critical areas in the State of Nebraska and I would have to say that what they are doing is supplementary to what the NRDs are doing. I will give you a list of what the functions of the ground water conservancy districts are to a point and what they are doing. They are the ones that have been responsible for initiating irrigation scheduling in cooperation with the University of Nebraska and it's proven to be a real effective way of using our ground water. It is saving ground water and it provides for more efficient use of the same. They have been instrumental in providing for information that brought about ground water run off control. They