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SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes, I said that it retains control at the local level.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Well, then why aren't the permit fees paid to the local NRDs instead of to the state?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Why aren't the permit fees paid to the local NRDs instead of to the state?

SENATOR HABERMAN: Yes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, I guess we didn't address that question, Senator Haberman. If you would like to address that question, that would be fine.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Well, why, if you want to give the local control to the local NRDs, why aren't they given the authority to deny or to approve a well permit?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Haberman, we didn't have time nor did we have the political wherewithal to deal with every section of our present existing law, but we did try to work with the NRD framework and tried to improve the system or what we thought was improving the system within that framework.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Thank you. Senator Beutler, my Dad taught me something when I grew up. He says if somebody pushes you and they want you to make a decision that has to be made in two or three days, back off because something might be wrong. You just got through admitting that you didn't have time to go into two of these aspects. Now possibly enough time wasn't taken on this bill, possibly there should be more research, possibly due to this being the short session, that it is too hasty. Now you answered my question, Senator Beutler. That is it. I asked you two questions and you answered them and thank you very, very much. I am just remarking on your remarks so I would have to say, fellow Senators, a few months isn't going to hurt anything. We have set the groundwork. We have brought out in the open some things that need to be done. We have exposed everything there is to be exposed. Now possibly we should slow up a little bit, we should take a look, we should have another interim study and come in with a water bill that takes into consideration those things that Senator Beutler admits that they forgot or didn't have time to put into the bill. They have in the bill that a permit will go to the local NRD and they can either say they approve it or not approve it but the state has