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we are taking away authority from the local people who are people just like we are that probably are as conservative as we are, probably more so. I would like to make several points. When the amendment to LB 1357 took away the authority to build a building came before the floor for discussion, I make reference to a former senator, Senator Rudy Kokes strongly supported this amendment, and I believe now Senator Wagner has the letter from former Senator Kokes in his file saying that he now supports the authority for a resource district to build their own building. The second point I would like to make is this, that when the Natural Resource Districts were formed they inherited in most cases property in the way of buildings that...and as I understand those that are not planning to build buildings, that own buildings, would sell this property and convert those dollars into their own buildings, and there would be no tax funds involved in it, it would just be an exchange of property. For those several reasons and the fact that I have always been such a strong supporter of local control administered by local people, and I know there are those that have said and are saying that local control is a farce, it isn't anything, I maintain it is and it is a sensible direction to go in taking care of the problems that we have and I continue to have full confidence in our local elected people. Therefore, I oppose the Beutler amendment and support the bill without the amendment.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President and members of the Unicameral, I rise to support Senator Beutler. There are many, many, many NEDs due to the increase in valuation have so much money they don't know what to do with it, so they are going to go out and they are going to buy buildings and build buildings. Also, Senator Kremer, my good friend, Senator Kremer, I hate to take an issue with you, sir, but it does not take away local control because school boards presently have to have an election before they can build a new school building. So we are not doing anything here that is so drastic that other government entities don't have to do. So I would like to support Senator Beutler's amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Sieck.

SENATOR SIECK: Mr. President and members of the body, I stand opposed to Senator Beutler's amendment. I feel that we will have very much difficulty in building a building if we have to go to the vote of the people, and for such a small item which in most cases it will be