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This may vary from like 160, 70 up to maybe 200. It is basically this money then that would be used, and once they sell those buildings you would actually be putting those buildings back upon the tax rolls again. So, again I would oppose Senator Beutler's amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President and my good friend, Chris, I am completely baffled by you, Chris. Now let me explain why. Throughout the last couple of years it is you who has proposed almost unlimited powers to NRDs to control the other guy's water, the other guy's land, the other guy's taxes, and you argue these people are local elected officials, they have got to have this responsibility. Now they can control billions... billions of dollars with a single decision, but now, as I understand it, you are claiming they ain't bright enough to build a building so they can put their typewriter and their desk in without having that decision submitted to the vote of the people. Now if we are going to give the NRDs all the other powers of supervision and control, which in many cases exceed legislative powers we almost exercise in here, if we are going to give them all these blanket powers and authorities to handle our water problems, I should think we would be willing to give them the authority to build a building so they sit in and make the decisions, and that is all the bill does. It doesn't say they are going to build hotels, motels, warehouses, whatever. It is a place where they are going to operate out of, and I have always opposed giving them this power over the years. Yes, I said they should have no capital construction power. Well, I found that when you don't give it to them, they go and they go and they lease and you have a higher cost anyway and they are going to have to have a place to operate out of. So I am opposing your amendment by saying if you think the NRDs are the place we are going to have to solve our water problems, then let's let them have a place to do it out of without having a comedy of votes of the people and everything else on a rather minor decision if we are giving them responsibility for major decisions without that same vote.

SPEAKER MARVEL: We have two more lights on, Senator Kahle and Senator Cullan. Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. Speaker and members, Senator DeCamp stole my speech, but I think we are going to have the