

mill levy could automatically be increased to three-quarter mill for these projects. That is untrue. The only place that you can collect another three-quarter mill is for groundwater conservation districts. The NRD at the present time has only one mill and that is all they can collect, and with that limited amount of money, I can assure you they are not going to build any recreation projects because their prime purpose, again, is conservation of our land and our water. The Oliver Project, I think that is why this bill was brought here. There is no question in my mind. That is the basic concept. I can recall a year ago these amendments were brought. They were trying to sneak them in. That is what it was here for. There is no doubt in my mind. The Papio project, now that board has been waiting. And I have a couple copies of letters where they feel maybe this one will have some effect on it but it is unclear. Now anytime you find something unclear, you are going to have a court battle and one of the bigger projects in the Papio is the R-616 project. I also heard that we are condemning for the Games and Parks Commission. Well, I will tell you, I just can't accept that at all. We have even difficulty, after we have a lake that is purchased by an NRD to get the Game Commission to manage it because they don't have that kind of funds. So we are looking to other areas because I feel that once you get into this area, and many of the NRD directors also feel this way, if we are going to manage recreation area, which was done in some other states, it is going to jeopardize the other parts of our program and we do not want to do this. So this is the reason they tried to get the Games and Parks Commission to manage that project, and why shouldn't they, if there is recreation there, why shouldn't they. We had a project just east of Lincoln, the Stevens-Callahan project and this was a project that I suggested as a buffer to the City of Lincoln. I did not think much of actually the projects or structures but there were two structures designed which had recreation in the design. But those people came to the Board of Directors meeting, they expressed themselves and they would rather have the land zoned to protect the streamflow of the Stevens Creek so that it would not jeopardize property. The Salt Vally District or the Lower Platte South Natural Resource District abandoned the project and are now working towards zoning that area, working with the City of Lincoln. This is democracy working. Another item on the Oliver Project, I hope you realize that the Educational Lands and Funds owned this property before the irrigation district was established. The irrigation district went defunct. The Educational Lands and Funds then received that property again. The only way they can buy that property is with