

funding. Let me point out that the management plan, if a district adopts a management plan, that the management plan allocated acres will be allowed the same funding as would the controlled area and we've switched from the mill levy to the tenth of a cent but very frankly it is the same as a controlled area. Then also there isn't any, as we recall several years ago, I believe it was Senator Jack Mills introduced a bill that became law that indicated that the control area could be larger than the actual area that was affected by a reduction in ground water. The same principles apply to the management area. Theoretically a natural resource district could declare an entire district a management area if they so chose. They would have to have some facts to back it up but if they so chose they could do that so...

PRESIDENT: Two minutes, Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...there is funding provided in the bill for the operation of a management area. If it is a small area of course and we discussed that with some of the natural resource districts where they have very small localized areas, there isn't any way that you can provide enough funding for some of those procedures to really do the job you might want to do or need to do but Senator Kremer and I are cooperating on another bill which will provide some funds. Senator Sieck has a bill which will provide some funds and very frankly at the present time the natural resource districts raised last year by property tax levies over \$8 million, not an insignificant sum I think you will agree. Therefore, theoretically, the adoption of a management area across the state could increase that funding substantially. I do not anticipate that to happen immediately nor in the future unless the need is there. The natural resource districts have for the most part exercised restraint in their funding capacity and I believe that they will continue to show the same kind of restraint in the future. If the need is there, we have given them the tools and the facilities in which to answer that need. I would be glad to answer any questions. Mr. President, I believe that I have tried to keep it as brief as I can and still touch upon the highlights of the bill and I would also emphasize, Senator Kremer and I have cooperated with the bill. The bill has also been a subject of intensive attention by the Public Works Committee and by a number of members of the Legislature who are not members of the committee and the bill as it reads today is the result of the cumulative efforts of a large number of persons in this body. I think it represents some of the very most dedicated efforts that we could have put together and I would ask for your favorable consideration and say also very frankly at this point, I have reviewed briefly some of the amendments I have seen