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SENATOR HALL: No, no, no...

SENATOR PIRSCH: ...in the statute, their per diem.

SENATOR HALL: No. I'm sorry if I stated that. In terms of coming to the Legislature for statutory authority, what I'm trying to do is bring them up to par with the MUD and OPPD boards. And I know that they have not had an increase for a number of years and had legislation in themselves to ask for an increase.

SENATOR PIRSCH: To ask for an increase of more than the 600 that they are authorized now in the statutes?

SENATOR HALL: I think, yes, I think it's eight and nine is what the legislation read.

SENATOR PIRSCH: I'm not really crazy about raising the Metro Area Transit, quite frankly, 150 percent at this time. But that is fine. Thank you.

SENATOR HALL: I understand. Thank you.

SENATOR PIRSCH: I do wonder where the statutory authority is that they have right now, since we are adding this, really, to metropolitan water district, or metropolitan utilities district. I think perhaps this is not the proper place, and I will oppose this amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Moore, would you care to discuss it? Followed by Senators Elmer and Hall.

SENATOR MOORE: Yes, if I may ask Senator Hall some questions, if he'd so yield.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Yes.

SENATOR MOORE: Senator Hall, I was not listing to your opening all that quickly, I was just trying to find this and read it. Now, was this introduced in a bill form and have a hearing as such?